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## ROBERT AND HELEN SEXTON ELECTED DISTRICT #21 GOVERNORS!

The delegates at the 79th District Convention hosted by the Oakland Ahepa Family at the Pleasanton Hilton Hotel elected Robert and Helen Sexton District #21 Governors of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope. A dynamic duo from Fresno! The convention was held June 24-26.

Rounding out the AHEPA District Lodge are: Lt. Governor Tom Chiarchianis, Stockton; Secretary Bill Booras, Fresno; Treasurer Alex Bazos, Modesto; Marshal George Gianopulos, Fresno; and Chaplin Steve Miller, Oakland.

The Daughters of Penelope District Lodge in addition to District Governor Sexton are: Lt. Governor Chrisanthy Panagopoulos, Stockton; Secretary Kathy Leles, Stockton; Treasurer Kathy La Giusa, Sacramento; and Marshal Brenda Johnson, San Francisco.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and best wishes for a successful term.

## DR. JOHN GROSSOMANIDES, JR. ELECTED AHEPA SUPREME PRESIDENT AND NICKY STAMOULIS GRAND PRESIDENT OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE!

The Supreme Convention was held July 18-24 at the recently remodeled Fountainebleau Hotel in Miami, Florida. See pages 5 and 6 for their news releases.



## GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21 FALL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

HOSTED BY THE  
STOCKTON AHEPA FAMILY  
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## SAVE THE DATE

*Eos#1 Founder's Day Luncheon  
November 12, 2011 - Saturday  
Hilton Hotel, Burlingame, CA*

*Further details will follow!  
Hope to see you there!!*

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## AHEPA District Governor's Message



**Robert Sexton**  
District Governor

Brothers:

I think the best part of a district convention is the morning after. Then, all the business has been settled, the issues argued and elections completed. Then is the time for friends to enjoy each others company, lingering over breakfasts large and small and just one more cup of coffee. It is hard not to feel the camaraderie that AHEPA encourages.

Our 2011 District Convention, now complete, was a great show, put on by the Oakland chapter under the guiding hand of brothers Steve Miller and Bill Anton. They deserve our warm congratulations for a job well done. They will be a tough act for Sacramento to follow.

I am greatly honored to have been elected as District Governor for 2011-12. I have a fine lodge and I know they will support the district and promote the exciting programs we are already developing. I am proud to announce the new district officers. They are: Tom Chiarchianes, Lt. Governor; Bill Booras, Secretary; Alex Bazos, Treasurer; George Gianopoulos, Marshal; Steve Miller, Chaplain; and Stamus Cocolos, Athletic Director. I am especially looking forward to working with the Daughters of Penelope new District Governor, Helen Sexton and her District Lodge. Congratulations to one and all!

I am especially happy to announce that the District Ahepan of the Year is Brother Bill Christie. His tireless efforts over many years creating the Traveler and providing publishing services and his service to his chapter deserve our admiration and congratulations. Brother Rick Kylan was named as chapter President of the Year for his work heading up the San Jose chapter. The Chapter of the Year, nominated for their new, dynamic growth, is Sacramento. Again, congratulations to all!

At this writing, the National Convention in Miami has yet to take place. I am anticipating the results and looking forward to the leadership the Supreme Lodge will provide. In the meantime, I am taking a long awaited vacation in Greece and I will be reporting to you what I will have seen as Greece struggles to regain her footing in a difficult world economy.

Once again, the district will be sponsoring a float in the March 25th parade next year. Every chapter should make an effort to participate and support this event. Your past support and contributions have made it possible for the district to continue its sponsorship.

An interesting program is under development for the Fall Conference. More than ever, this program is intended to help chapters and chapter officers know and understand the duties and responsibilities of the offices they hold. It will be of great benefit to all chapter officers (and those who might become officers) to attend this conference. We plan to give you something you can take back to your chapters and make them the better for it.

It will be my great pleasure to greet you all there, and in the visitations to come. Much like the "morning after", the social side of life in AHEPA is a treasure to me. My thanks to all of you for putting your trust in me and electing me as District Governor. This promises to be an interesting and exciting year and I will do everything to make it a successful one.

**Robert D. Sexton**  
District Governor

## DOP District Governor's Message



**Helen Sexton**  
District Governor

Dear Sisters,

My heartfelt thanks to you for placing your trust in me and electing me D. O. P. governor of District 21 at the District Convention in Pleasanton. I accept this honor with gratitude and humility and I will strive to prove worthy of your trust.

At this time I proudly announce the elected officers of our lodge who are: Chrisanthi Panagopoulos, Lt. Governor; Kathy Leles, Secretary; Kathy La Giusa, Treasurer; Brenda Johnson, Marshal; and Margo Drosos, Advisor. The 2011 District Penelope of the Year is Jan Spanos, Artemis #5, Sacramento and the Daughter of the Year is Cathy Photopoulos, Daphne #29, San Jose. Congratulations sisters. You have all proven to be worthy of your titles.

Congratulations are also extended to elected AHEPA Governor Bob Sexton and his lodge. I am looking forward to working with them (not much choice, really) and we will hard for the benefit of our district.

Many thanks go to the Oakland AHEPA family for hosting this year's convention. We all had a very enjoyable time. Having the convention sessions spread over a day-and-a-half proved to be just right. We had plenty of time to conduct our business as well as socialize. The chairmen of the convention, Steve Miller, Bill Anton and Sophia Johnson did an excellent job. Congratulations to all!

The national convention will be held in Miami Beach, Florida on July 18-24. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend as I will be out of the country. I plan, however, to attend the District Governors conference in Washington, D.C. In September and I will keep you informed in my monthly newsletters. Please advise me of any events and happenings of your chapters. The information will be included in my newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call me or e-mail me. I will do my very best to be of any help to any chapter.

The District Lodge and I are looking forward to our visitations. The schedule for the conferences, visitations, etc. has not been solidified yet, but I will make it available as soon as it is ready.

Again, I extend my gratitude to all.

Yours in Theta Pi,

**Helen Sexton**  
District Governor

# ORDER OF AHEPA AND DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21

## FALL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP



**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

Constantine & Evanthia Spanos

Community Center

920 West March Lane, Stockton CA 95207



Hosted by the Stockton AHEPA Family

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Welcome/ Continental Breakfast .....       | 9:30 AM  |
| Combined AHEPA/Daughter Meeting .....      | 10:30 AM |
| Luncheon .....                             | 12:00 PM |
| Individual AHEPA/Daughters Workshops ..... | 1:00 PM  |
| Adjournment .....                          | 4:00 PM  |



### REGISTRATION FORM

(Reservation deadline: September 30, 2011)

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## **Dr. John Grossomanides, Jr. Elected Supreme President**



**MIAMI BEACH** - The delegates of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the nation's three million American citizens of Greek heritage, and Philhellenes, elected Dr. John Grossomanides, Jr. supreme president at its 89th Annual Supreme Convention in Miami Beach, Fla. Dr. Grossomanides ran unopposed in elections that were held Saturday, July 23, 2011. He was also formally installed as supreme president along with the Supreme Lodge on Saturday.

"It is truly an honor to be elected supreme president of AHEPA," said Dr. Grossomanides, Jr., a 27-year member of AHEPA. "Clearly there are many challenges we are facing. Greece and its people are experiencing an unprecedented economic crisis, the Republic of Cyprus is being pressed to reach a settlement, the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate persists and the need for community service is more in demand than ever."

He continued, "I look forward to working with our new Supreme Lodge and our membership to overcome these challenges, address new ones that will emerge, and keep AHEPA on the steady path set forth by my predecessors in a spirit true to our mission."

Dr. Grossomanides, who hails from Westerly, R.I., is a member of Rose of New England Chapter 110, in Norwich, Conn. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including two terms as supreme vice president and supreme secretary and all offices at the district and chapter levels. As supreme president, Dr. Grossomanides' responsibilities include being the chief executive officer, and principal spokesperson, of the entire AHEPA domain, which includes the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus.

The newly-elected supreme president is a senior clinical pharmacist at Advanced Pharmacy Concepts, North Kingstown, R.I. He served as president of the Rhode Island Pharmacist Association from 1995 to 1996 and served two years as grand regent of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity. Dr. Grossomanides earned both his undergraduate and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. Grossomanides is a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Norwich. He is the son of AHEPA Life Member John G. and Celia Grossomanides. The supreme president is engaged to Anna-Helene Panagakos, Brooklyn, N.Y., who was elected Grand Secretary of the Daughters of Penelope.

### **Election of AHEPA Leadership for 2011-2012**

The AHEPA Supreme Lodge is the international governing body of the organization.

The 2011-12 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Supreme Vice President Anthony Kouzounis, Houston; Canadian President George Vassilas, Montreal, Quebec; Supreme Secretary Phillip T. Frangos, East Lansing, Mich.; Supreme Treasurer Andrew C. Zachariades, Brick, N.J.; Supreme Counselor George Loucas, Brecksville, Ohio; and Supreme Athletic Director Spiro Siaggas, Atlanta.

The eight Supreme Governors are: Region I: Sandy Papadopoulos, Atlanta; Region II: Dr. Peter Nickolas, Baltimore, Md.; Region III: James Kokotas, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Region IV: Nicholas Nikas, Old Greenwich, Conn.; Region V: Dr. Mark Zigoros, Cincinnati, Ohio; Region VI: Louis G. Atsavas, Lake Forest, Ill.; Region VII: Nick Dixie, Dallas, Texas; and Region VIII: Alex Christy, Portland, Ore.

Elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were: Nicholas A. Karacostas, Bayside, N.Y.; and Lee J. Millas, Trenton, N.J. Karacostas was elected chairman of the board and Millas was re-elected to the board. The board's remaining officers are Vice Chairman John Galanis, Elm Grove, Wisc., and Secretary Constantine Highland, Shirley, N.Y. Vasilios Albanos, Ph.D., Darien, Ill., was re-elected to the Board of Auditors.

### **AHEPA Family Elections**

The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family also held elections. Nicky Stamoulis, Seminole, Fla. was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; Manolis Sfinarolakis, Woodbury, Conn., Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Marianthe Kolokithas, Charleston, S.C., Maids of Athena Grand President.

Saturday's Installation Ceremony of newly elected officers officially concluded the 89th AHEPA Supreme Convention, which began Monday, July 18. The 2012 Supreme Convention will convene at the Monte Carlo, Las Vegas.

## Nicky Stamoulis Elected Grand President of Daughters of Penelope!



**WASHINGTON** (July 28, 2011)—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women's organization, elected Nicky Stamoulis, Seminole, Fla., Grand President for the 2011-12 administrative year. Elections were held July 22, 2011 at the 89th Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

"It is a great honor to be elected Grand President," said Stamoulis, who is a member of Aeneas Chapter 210, St. Petersburg, Fla. "I look forward to working with the Grand Lodge and the members to take our existing successful programs in education, philanthropy, and social services to greater levels to the benefit of the community."

Stamoulis, a 35-year member of the Daughters of Penelope, has served all major positions at national and regional levels within the organization, including Grand Vice-President (2010-11) and Citrus District 2 Governor for two terms (2003-05). Also, she has served as the DOP national chairperson for the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Center (2005-06), and she was instrumental in the establishment of the St. Petersburg AHEPA/Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Foundation.

"The Daughters of Penelope has been a constant in my life," she added. "I strongly believe in the values and objectives of our Order. I also believe the members are the heartbeat of the organization because of the strength and passion each member possesses."

The newly-elected grand president was born in Athens, Greece and immigrated to Massachusetts before settling in Seminole, Fla. She has a Bachelor of Science degree and Master's Degree in Education. Since moving to Florida 14 years ago, Stamoulis has taught the fourth and fifth grades. She also has a certificate in bilingual education (English and Greek) and has taught Greek School. Stamoulis is married to Charles Stamoulis.

### **2011-12 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge**

Elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge were: Grand Vice President Joanne Saltas, Murray, Utah; Canadian President Christina Andrews, Edmonton, Alberta; Grand Secretary Anna-Helene Panagakos, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Grand Treasurer Demi Thomas, Ridgewood, N.J.; Grand Governor Zone I Cookie Patelos, Albany, N.Y.; Grand Governor Zone II Connie Pilallis, Boca Raton, Fla.; Grand Governor Zone III Barbara Maligas, Spring, Texas; Grand Governor Zone IV Cleo Rumpakis, Portland, Ore.; and Maids of Athena Grand Advisor Melva Zinaich, Charleston, S.C.

"Our Grand Lodge has a tremendous amount of experience with our officers having served in all capacities within the organization," said Stamoulis. "We all look forward to traveling the country and visiting communities in the constant effort to fulfill our mission."

Founded in San Francisco in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope is the first women's organization of its kind established in the United States. It is an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA).

The mission of the DOP is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

For more information about the DOP, or any of its programs or projects, please visit <http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/>.

## Golden Gate District #21 Lodge Visitations & Events (Tentative Schedule)

### October

|          |                 |                         |                     |                         |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>DOP PDG Luncheon</b> | <b>Walnut Creek</b> | <b>TBA</b>              |
| 5        | Wednesday       | Visitation              | San Francisco       | Holy Trinity Church     |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Fall Conference</b>  | <b>Stockton</b>     | <b>St. Basil Church</b> |
| 11       | Tuesday         | Visitation              | San Jose            | St. Nicholas Church     |
| 18       | Tuesday         | Visitation              | Modesto             | Annunciation Church     |
| 22       | Saturday        | Visitation              | Reno                | St. Anthony Church      |

### November

|           |                 |                              |                   |                         |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 5         | Saturday        | Visitation                   | Fresno            | St. George Church       |
| 9         | Wednesday       | Visitation                   | Stockton          | St. Basil Church        |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Founders Day Luncheon</b> | <b>Burlingame</b> | <b>Hilton Hotel</b>     |
| 17        | Thursday        | Visitation                   | San Mateo         | Burlingame Women's Club |

### January

|    |          |            |                              |                             |
|----|----------|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 14 | Saturday | Visitation | Contra Costa<br>Walnut Creek | St. Demetrios Church<br>TBA |
| 21 | Saturday | Visitation | Sacramento<br>Marysville     | Annunciation Church         |

### February

|    |          |            |         |                          |
|----|----------|------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 4  | Saturday | Visitation | Vallejo | Sts. Constantine & Helen |
| 11 | Saturday | Visitation | Oakland | Ascension Cathedral      |

### March

|            |                 |                          |            |            |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>TBA</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Spring Conference</b> | <b>TBA</b> | <b>TBA</b> |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|

### April

|            |                 |                              |            |            |
|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>TBA</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Sisterhood Conference</b> | <b>TBA</b> | <b>TBA</b> |
|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|

### June

|            |  |                            |                   |            |
|------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| <b>1-3</b> |  | <b>District Convention</b> | <b>Sacramento</b> | <b>TBA</b> |
|------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|

### July

|              |  |                           |                  |                          |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>22-27</b> |  | <b>Supreme Convention</b> | <b>Las Vegas</b> | <b>Monte Carlo Hotel</b> |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|

## District 21 Daughters of Penelope 2011 Scholarship Recipients



### **Daughters of Penelope District 21 Undergraduate Scholarship Award**



**Chloe N. Pappas**

University of California , Santa Barbara

**Major:** Bio - Psychology

Endorsed by Leto Chapter 71- Fresno



### **Daughters of Penelope District 21 Undergraduate Scholarship Award**



**Chrysanthe R. Pappas**

University of California, Riverside

**Major:** Chemistry/Musical Theater

Endorsed by Leto Chapter 71- Fresno



### **Daughters of Penelope Past District Governor's Award**



**Andreana Z. Rocha**

University of California, Davis

**Major:** International Relations

Endorsed by Sparta Chapter 18- Stockton



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### 2011 District #21 Scholarship Awards, June 25, 2011



**Andrew Thomas Pardini, Modesto, California**

Andrew writes of himself: "I am fortunate in my gifts, I am inspired by music's most elite, and I am encouraged to see where my limitless imagination and destiny lead." At twenty-two years of age, this musically-gifted baritone may well be headed to the operatic stages of the world. His profound love of the art form was sparked when as a boy soprano he met Erik Buck Townsend - founder and director of Townsend Opera Players. To date, Andrew has performed in over 25 operas and musicals, including three leading roles before age 18. His writing instructor offers this eloquent description: "Andrew lives entirely within his art...he is an artist to his fingertips, in everything he does, in every word he utters or sings." Andrew currently studies and performs at USC; he plans to earn a master's degree in vocal arts at the

University of Maryland Opera Studio. He has a 3.88 GPA at USC, despite a rigorous performance schedule and work. Prior to college, Andrew served as an altar boy and participated in the Greek Orthodox Youth Association. With his rare musical gifts, this young man will be a memorable performer and effective ambassador for opera to the community. ❖

**William Alexander Boyer, Yuba City, California**

William is by all accounts an exceptional student, community member and entrepreneur. His counselor and his math teacher at Yuba City High School describe him as an outstanding scholar with several academic awards and an A in every single class. Alex took a leadership role on his golf and cross country teams, organized a summer camp for disadvantaged youngsters, volunteered in the Autism Awareness Fair, started a band and cofounded a fledging business. When speaking for himself, Alex focuses on his lifelong interest in people's relationship to their government, beginning with the Greek city states. He intends to earn a BA and MA in political science at Stanford University, and then to on to represent and help his fellow citizens as a congressman or senator. ❖



**Panayiota Kuvetakis, Danville, California**

Panayiota embraces an unusual combination of interests - English, Peace and Conflict Studies, Theater Arts and civil rights - which together she intends to use in her future career as a civil rights attorney. She graduated from San Ramon Valley High School and has completed the fall 2010 term at UC Berkeley, earning a 3.85 GPA. At Cal, in her role as stage manager for an original play, she recognized potential for using theater and English for social change and peace. Panayiota is perhaps the best-rounded applicant for this year's AHEPA Scholarship. Her application materials reflect a challenging array of church, work and volunteer activities, including serving as Vice President of the Greek Orthodox Youth Association at Ascension Cathedral, administering philanthropic and social events, and serving as a camp counselor

at Ascension Summer Camp for eight-year-old girls. She received her high school's Theater Arts Outstanding Senior award, its Undergraduate Achievement Award for English, and the Alamo Rotary Club Student of the Year in 2006. Her high school Theater Arts Program Director and parish priest greatly admire her. This young woman has numerous avenues from which to choose. Given her talent for blending options into unique and creative possibilities, she undoubtedly has a fulfilling and successful future ahead. ❖

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### 2011 District #21 Scholarship Awards, June 25, 2011



**Panayiota Yercostas, Folsom, California**

Panayiota lifelong goal of becoming a pediatrician is several years away, yet she is certain her faith will help her persevere. Currently, she attends UC Davis, majoring in psychology and taking premed courses. She has earned a 3.387 GPA. For years she has been a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, where she is active in the Sunday School and service events. Her Associate Pastor notes Katie's "vital interest" in her Greek heritage and in her Orthodox religious tradition, coupled with a "genuine desire to serve other people." Her English teacher writes of an optional assignment that Katie took on with great success: writing a tragedy according to Aristotle's Poetics and completing an analysis using Aristotle's view. Katie is well-rounded, with a keen eye to her future and confident that she has what it will take to get there. ❖

**Elli Papadopoulos, Elk Grove, California**

Elli began dancing at age four and never stopped. According to her Theater and Dance professor at Cal State University, Sacramento, she dazzles those fortunate to see her perform at school or in the community. Elli teaches children at the Encore Dance Studio of Performing Arts, where she observes her students transforming after just a few weeks of class. Elli's double major of dance and psychology will prepare her for her chosen profession as a dance therapist serving mentally challenged or abused children. Throughout her life, Elli has been a leader and volunteer in church activities. She served consecutively as Secretary, Vice President and President of GOYA, the Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church youth group. She volunteered to provide meals and school supplies for homeless teens. She also teaches Sunday School to children in kindergarten and first grade. Her compassion, commitment and talents will serve her well as she embraces the opportunities before her. ❖



**George Borden, Modesto, California**

By observing people in his Greek Orthodox community, especially during this period of economic downturn, George learned that "love and faith breed happiness." For his personal life, his goal is to have work he enjoys, a loving wife and a happy family. This young man looks forward to a positive future. His course of study at Ceres High School, 3.88 weighted GPA and extracurricular activities-including sports and volunteer work-have prepared him well for his plan to earn a BA in Business and a Masters in Business Administration and Political Science. George's recommendation letters focus on his empathy, integrity, initiative, dependability leadership ability and strong work ethic. ❖

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### 2011 District #21 Scholarship Awards, June 25, 2011



**Alexis Giusti**, *Meridian, California*

As Yuba City High School's Student Body Commissioner of Clubs and Organizations, Alexis has achieved results that demonstrate strong leadership ability. The Director of Student Activities at Yuba City High School States that Alexis helped create an environment of cooperation and school spirit which resulted in increased student participation in campus clubs and a greater number of operation clubs. These are impressive tangible results for a high school student. In her essay, Alexis highlights her ability to balance academic sports, service, student government and teaching classmates leadership skills. Alexis plans to earn a BA in fine arts at Lesley University in Massachusetts. ❖

**Alexander Leos**, *Burlingame, California*

Alexander cites his Hellenic heritage as his inspiration for holding high intellectual and moral standards. He has earned a 3.36 weighted GPA in challenging coursework at Burlingame High School. Alexander comes highly recommended by his high school principal, counselor and English/Journalism teacher. They applaud his critical thinking and reading skills, and admire the journalistic writing ability that he honed as a senior reporter on the school's award-winning newspaper. Outside of the classroom, Alexander plays varsity soccer and volunteered at a food pantry. Last summer, Alexander secured a paid internship in the communications and marketing department at Renesas Technology. He intends to attend the University of Oregon where he will study English in preparation for his chosen field of journalism. ❖



**Andriana Karahalios**, *Contra Costa, California*

Academically accomplished, with a 3.83 weighted GPA, Andriana has challenged herself by taking a rigorous course of high school study including mathematics and sciences every term. She began greek folk dancing at age five, has ten years experience with the Castro Valley Youth Soccer League and seven years with the Girl Scouts. For the past nine years, she has sung with the Madrigals, the highest level choir at their school. According to her English teacher, Andriana "cares deeply about her education and wants to make sure that she is putting in her best effort." Her high school counselor describes Andriana as an intellectually curious, in the medical field. The Experiences she had following her grandmother's diagnosis with Alzheimer's disease provided Andriana with in-depth knowledge of qualities required of caregivers. She observed how patients admitted to hospitals "seem to lose their sense of individuality and simply become just another person." Andriana believes she has the social skill, integrity and ability to work in teams that are required to provide patients with the care and caring they so deserve. ❖

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**Casey Christ**, *Alameda, California*

Casey crafted a detailed plan with objectives and action steps to achieve his goals of studying biology at the University of California at Santa Barbara and subsequently working in laboratory research or the medical field. His plan entails finishing his first year at San Francisco State University, transferring as a sophomore to Santa Barbara Community College and then transferring to USSB in his junior year. Casey is an industrious young man who worked to pay all of his expenses for a trip to France with his classmates and continues to work while in school to help pay his academic year expenses. Such responsibility for oneself at this age is rare and is to be commended. In addition to working at local restaurants after school, Casey found time to perform in varsity soccer, the ping pong club and the culinary club. Casey's AP environmental science teacher states that Casey is a problem solver with drive, who has successfully met challenges both in the classroom and in life outside school. ♦

**George Tsongranis**, *Modesto, California*

Son of a former AHEPA chapter president and himself a former Sons of Pericles chapter president and District Governor, George has spent many years serving the church in official and volunteer roles. He deeply values church, family, vocation and giving back to the community. His aspiration is to grow spiritually intellectually and emotionally and to serve God by transmitting faith to others. After receiving his bachelor's degree in Religious Studies with "Highest Distinction" last spring, this past fall at forty-two years of age he entered the Master of Divinity program at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. His lifelong friend and former retail business employer writes that George "always puts God first, his family/others second and himself third." George writes of his future work: "...regardless of my eventual vocation, I will serve in various capacities serving the Church and humanity." ♦



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## Golden Gate District #21 Convention - June 2011 - Pleasanton







**Elias Tsiknis, Councilwoman Gina Papan, Pres. Vaso Moulas**

## Annual Agapi Dinner

The Ahepa Family San Francisco hosted again this year the annual Agapi Dinner, Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at Annunciation Cathedral Hall in San Francisco.

Over a hundred 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, Consul General of Greece, Mr. Ioannis Andreadis. Several Past District Governors of both AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope also attended. Also in attendance were Senator Leland Yee of San Francisco and Councilwoman Gina Papan of Millbrae.

Congratulations to chairmen Nick Johnson and Eva Skoufis who did an outstanding job organizing the event. The committee members were: Peter and May Kireopoulos, Helen Markantan, Marion Parashis, Yvonne Stamatakis, Christie Tsipakos, and Stella Kyriakis.



**Mary Kireopoulos, Christie Tsipakos, Stella Kyriakis**



**Chairman Eva Skoukis with Senator Leland Lee**



**Bartenders - Lou Phillips, Pres. Nick Johnson, Victor Kyriakis**





Pres. V. Moulas and Distr. Gov. M. Drossos with 4 new Eos initiates

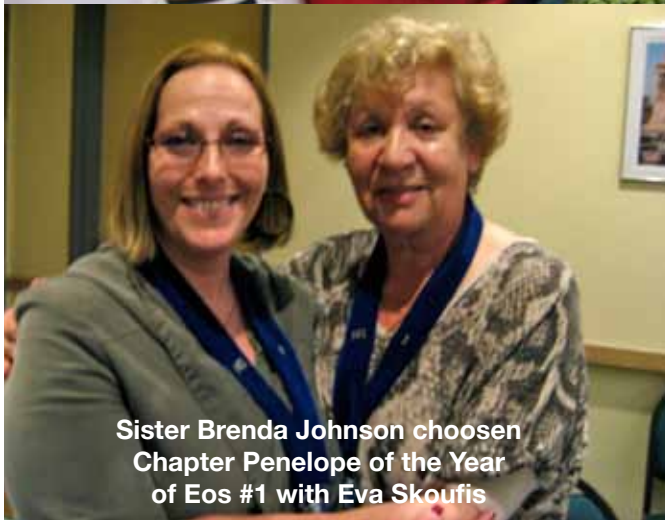


Sister Elaine Makras, Eos Daughter of the Year with S. Goultas, H. Markanton and C. Tsiplakos.

## **EOS #1**

**San Francisco**

**by Stella Kyriakis**



Sister Brenda Johnson chosen Chapter Penelope of the Year of Eos #1 with Eva Skoufis



Sister Maria Georgiou receiving an award from Pres. Moulas for bringing in the most new members into the EOS Chapter



Eos #1 New Officers

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## Fresno Made a Clean Sweep at the AHEPA Family Convention

By Eleni Rotous Rockas

At the 74th Annual District Convention hosted by the Oakland Chapters in Pleasanton in June our own vivacious & lovely **Chrysanthé R. Pappas** won the \$2000 District #21 **Undergraduate Scholarship Award** presented by the **Daughters of Penelope**. She will be attending the University of California, Riverside with a major in Chemistry/Musical Theater. This year Chrysanthé played Anna in the musical "**Anna & the King of Siam**" produced at Clovis High School. She won a standing ovation as lead vocalist & actress. **Congratulations Chrysanthé!!**

Also, our **Ball o' fire Helen Sexton** was elected **District Governor** of the **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE** for District #21. Sinhariteria Eleni!



**Eleni Rockas, Helen Sexton and Dorothea Gianopulos**

And to top that off, Helen's husband, **Bob Sexton**, was also elected **District Governor** of the Order of Ahepa for District #21. Helen & Bob will make an amazing pair traveling to all of the chapters in our District. **Be ready for them!**

President of our local ORDER OF AHEPA, **George Gianopulos**, became District Marshal. George: "Keep the house in order!" Our "always can be relied on" **Bill Booras** was again elected District Secretary.

Sisters and Brothers! Be ready to welcome **OUR NEW OFFICERS** with a big **HOORAY!!!!** (By the way, Helen & Bob love Starbucks Coffee & Cheesecake.) ❖

## Fresno Chapter #151 News

By Chris Rockas. PSC

In my last column I indicated that things were moving slowly. That is now in the past. At the June meeting we elected new officers. They are as follows: **George Gianopulos**, President; **Gus Argyres**, Vice President; **Bill Booras**, Secretary and **Ted Boosalis**, Treasurer. The Board of Governors has been reelected.

Our delegates to the District Convention held in Pleasanton, California were very successful in garnering three district lodge offices. **Robert Sexton** is our new District Governor; **Bill Booras** is the new District Secretary and **George Gianopulos** is our new District Marshal. We are very confident that they will carry out their duties in an exemplary manner.

In our estimation the mini District Convention put on by the Oakland Ahepa Family was an unqualified success. It is amazing how much can be done in 1 1/2 days. **Congratulations, Oakland Ahepa Family.**

On Sunday, July 10, 2011 the Fresno Ahepa Chapter put on its annual Fourth of July Founders Day Luncheon honoring the founding of our **GREAT COUNTRY** (the United States of America) and also the founding of our **GLORIOUS ORDER**. The event was well attended and was successful as usual.

Notice was sent out by the Ahepa National Hellenic Project Oversight Committee informing **everyone that this** national project was terminated and ceases to exist. In its place a new project known as Hellenic Project Oversight Committee has been established with 501(c) (3) tax status effective June 11, 2011.

It is recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt organization under Public Charity. This gives us the opportunity to become (what we should have been in the beginning) - a **PAN HELLENIC PROJECT** to embrace all organizations, be they Greek or Non-Greek. Fund drives are being conducted under our new project. Please contribute what you can for this worthy cause. Remember: "**HELLENISM IS OUR LEGACY, WE MUST SUPPORT AND PROTECT IT.**"



**Cooking Crew for Founder's Day Luncheon: Peter Rockas, Rick Kazanjian, Ted Boosalis, Bill Booras, Tony Kokolas and George Panapoulos**



## Garden City Chapter #251 News

by Bill Christie, Secretary

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 15th 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 sixth year, we also honored our youth. We hosted a luncheon for eighteen High School and Church School Graduates, recognizing their scholastic achievement by awarding them a certificate of achievement and a gift of \$100.



High School Graduates 2011

Other activities included our annual barbecue, a joint Christmas dinner, poker tournaments, established an investment committee, and hosted the District #21 Fall Conference. The chapter honored our past chapter president Mike Frangadakis along with members receiving years of service pins.

The Daughters of Penelope honored Past District Governor Kula Francis and Past Chapter President Maria Steiber for their many years of dedicated service. ( Kula recently passed away - may her memory be eternal!)

Plans for the coming year include building our membership, making the meetings more interesting and trying to establish a affordable housing project.

Officers for the 2011-2012 year are President Michael Prokopakis, Vice Presidents Alex Giakoumis, Treasurer George Berberis and Secretary Bill Christie.

### Journey to Greece Program

Brother Nick Stratigopoulos recently wrote: "I have been receiving from you the AHEPA messages regarding AHEPA's "Journey To Greece" program..... My grandson,



John Thomas Stratigopoulos, is participating in this year's program---a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Esther and I decided that there was no better graduation gift that we could give him. John graduated from Torrey Pines High School (San Diego) with Honors in June, 2011. A week after returning from Greece, he will be heading for college at Texas Christian University (TCU) in Dallas, TX on an Academic Scholarship. Needless to say, John's parents, Dr. George Stratigopoulos, DDS, and Diane Stratigopoulos are so very proud of his accomplishments." Good luck John! ♦



Students on an outing - John Stratigopoulos shown riding a donkey in the upper left corner.

### Attention All Chapters!

Bring your chapter information up to date on the district websites; [www.ahepa21.org](http://www.ahepa21.org) and [www.dopdist21.org](http://www.dopdist21.org)

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Newly elected EOS #1 officers receiving their oath of office.

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