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Message from District Governor Robert Sexton

By the time a convention winds up, there is a celebratory mood in the air. For the convention committee, it means the end of an often arduous and sometimes contentious year. For delegates, it means all the drama –or comedy- of legislative sessions and committee meetings is done. For every candidate for office, the decision has been made and, win or lose, it is time unwind.

Thus, for all involved, congratulations are in order. First, the Sacramento AHEPA Family deserves it. The Tahoe convention was memorable and very well done. Hard work and planning paid off. This is one convention that will not be soon forgotten.

Congratulations are in order for all the newly elected and returning District Lodge officers. No matter how the contest runs or ends, stepping up to the plate and taking on that responsibility deserves our gratitude. This District Governor is blessed with a fine lodge and the district can expect great things this term.

Then too, we should extend congratulations to all the newly elected and retiring chapter officers. The reality is that chapter presidents are the single most important parts of the whole AHEPA organization. The real work is done in and by the chapters and it is the presidents who make it happen. So, I say to the outgoing presidents, well done! You the dozen individuals willing to take the lead this last year have made the district shine. And you, the incoming presidents, have large shoes to fill. Your chapters will expect much of you. The district will expect much of you. I am sure that you are up to the task and congratulate you on your election and wish you a great year.

So what is in store for the coming year? For one thing, we will concentrate on membership as we never have before. While we are in a congratulatory mood, congratulations should be extended to you, the membership, for an achievement noted and rewarded at the Supreme convention this summer. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find an award certificate given to District 21 for third place in membership retention. It is your achievement, and with your continuing effort, we can do better. You will also find the final membership drive statistics for the district in this issue.

What will we do about membership? First, National HQ is requesting all chapters to commit to a membership goal. This goal is to be reported to HQ and is for the 2012 calendar year. Since there have been new members initiated this year, include those in your goal but commit to increasing that number by December 31. Remember, too, that you must have 2012 dues in by December 31.

We will take this drive further. I am asking each chapter to commit to a membership goal to be reached by the 2013 District Convention. There will be incentives announced at the Fall Conference. Members added by the end of this year will count double points.

But wait! There's more! We, as District 21 offer our congratulations to all the Supreme officers elected in Las Vegas this summer. We have a fine Supreme Lodge and a great Supreme President. This year, though, you will have the opportunity to offer your congratulations in person to Supreme President Brother Dr. John Grossomanides and Supreme Vice President Brother Anthony Kouzounis. As plans now stand, they will make a joint visitation to our district November 16-18, visiting the Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto and Fresno chapters. All the members of the district are invited to join with us and attend any and all of the events during the visitation. Details will be announced at the Fall Conference.

During the visitation, new members of these chapters will be initiated by Brother Grossomanides. Any of the other chapters having new members ready for initiation can do so during these events as well. For every new member initiated by the Supreme President will count as a triple score for the membership competition!

Now vacations winding up, rested and fit, we prepare for another year. Make your first meetings great. Ready your chapters for a busy and exciting year. Start your programs and your membership drives. Once more into the breach, my friends, once more!

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More Congratulations!

While I am passing out the kudos, let us not forget the choices made at the 2012 District convention for three important awards.



Chapter of the Year. This year our Reno chapter 281 was chosen as District Chapter of the Year. Reno is an active chapter and Dr. John Lagios, President, and his merry band should not go unnoticed. A visit to Reno is always memorable and I am looking forward to this year's visit –if they can hold off the snow! Brother John says it always snows on Halloween and we are pushing right up against that date as a result of scheduling issues. But it is an example of the environment in which exists and thrives. So for their spirit and persistence as the “outermost” chapter in the district, we have chosen Reno the District Chapter of the Year. It would seem the Biggest Little City in the World has the best Little Chapter in the district!

Chapter President of the Year. At a time when he should be sitting in his recliner watching Gunsmoke reruns while sipping his tea, Brother George Gianopulos has taken on the leadership of Fresno chapter 151. Fresno, the second oldest chapter in the district (San Francisco 150 is the oldest officially but not by much) has been struggling the last few years to regain membership and revive its role as one of the leading chapters in the district. Brother George has attacked this problem with zeal, creativity and energy and he is getting results. Fresno has recently gained new, young members and has resumed many of the activities that made it a great chapter. Thus it is fitting that a leader like Brother George be named Chapter President of the Year.



District AHEPAN of the Year As we on the District Lodge visited chapter after chapter during the course of the year, one thing stood out; that no one individual stood out. This is not to say that no one rose to the level of being nominated for this award. Rather, it meant that there were so many that we could not readily distinguish just one individual. That, coupled with the definite growth of membership and the apparent dedication to achieving that growth throughout the district, led us to the decision to select you –all of you– as District AHEPAN of the Year. Look at the statistics published in this issue and compare our districts to the other districts in our region and the growth is evident. And it was further ratified when District 21 was awarded third place for membership retention in Las Vegas. So, Brothers, congratulations. Your dedication to not only the organization but to the future of AHEPA is paying off and you all deserve the title, District AHEPAN of the Year.

Robert D. Sexton
District Governor

2011 membership results as of Jan 13, 2012 for region 8

| 100% of the year is gone | | | | As of January 13, 2011 | | | | | | | | | | Retention % | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------|------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|----------------------|---|------|
| Actual Year End Membership | | | | Total Paid Thru 2009 Total Paid Thru 2010 Currently Paid Thru 2011 and Life Members | | | | | | | | Goal | % of Goal | Difference from Goal | Imputed Total = 2011 YTD + 2010 Owing for 2011 Retention % = 2011 YTD as % of Imputed Total | |
| Chapter | ChapterCity | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | | | | 2011 | 2011 |
| Region 08 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A184 | Ogden, UT | 22 | 26 | 33 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 28 | 2 | 30 | 36 | 83% | -6 | 34 | 88% |
| A188 | Ely, NV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 | n/a |
| A238 | Pocatello, ID | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50% | -1 | 1 | 100% |
| A239 | Missoula, MT | 5 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 88% | -1 | 7 | 100% |
| A254 | Boise, ID | 18 | 16 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 19 | 89% | -2 | 19 | 89% |
| District 19 | | 47 | 52 | 57 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 47 | 8 | 55 | 65 | 85% | -10 | 61 | 90% |
| A146 | Salt Lake City, UT | 42 | 44 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 29 | 3 | 32 | 43 | 74% | -11 | 41 | 78% |
| A152 | Los Angeles, CA | 3 | 32 | 34 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 6 | 36 | 38 | 95% | -2 | 36 | 100% |
| A219 | Scottsdale, AZ | 15 | 17 | 54 | 39 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 4 | 101 | 73 | 138% | 28 | 101 | 100% |
| A220 | Ventura, CA | 12 | 16 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 14 | 114% | 2 | 18 | 89% |
| A223 | San Diego, CA | 144 | 105 | 91 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 1 | 57 | 22 | 79 | 112 | 71% | -33 | 80 | 99% |
| A224 | Bakersfield, CA | 8 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 22 | 4 | 550% | 18 | 22 | 100% |
| A233 | San Pedro, CA | 26 | 25 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 4 | 28 | 29 | 97% | -1 | 28 | 100% |
| A243 | Santa Barbara, CA | 30 | 33 | 41 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 35 | 4 | 39 | 45 | 87% | -6 | 46 | 85% |
| A275 | Tucson, AZ | 41 | 41 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 45 | 3 | 48 | 23 | 209% | 25 | 48 | 100% |
| A302 | San Bernardino, CA | 69 | 63 | 51 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 46 | 4 | 50 | 56 | 89% | -6 | 63 | 79% |
| A314 | Las Vegas, NV | 60 | 53 | 55 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 42 | 2 | 44 | 56 | 79% | -12 | 55 | 80% |
| A318 | Hollywood, CA | 25 | 33 | 30 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 28 | 6 | 34 | 31 | 110% | 3 | 34 | 100% |
| A342 | Long Beach, CA | 67 | 63 | 58 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 60 | 10 | 70 | 60 | 117% | 10 | 72 | 97% |
| A373 | Pasadena, CA | 84 | 74 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 63 | 5 | 68 | 77 | 88% | -9 | 73 | 93% |
| A411 | Anaheim, CA | 47 | 55 | 55 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 52 | 2 | 54 | 56 | 96% | -2 | 56 | 96% |
| A412 | San Fernando, CA | 43 | 31 | 41 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 2 | 51 | 42 | 121% | 9 | 51 | 100% |
| A426 | Redondo Beach, CA | 75 | 70 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 55 | 5 | 60 | 63 | 95% | -3 | 60 | 100% |
| A444 | El Cajon, CA | 19 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 19 | 1 | 1900% | 18 | 19 | 100% |
| A454 | Chandler, AZ | 71 | 73 | 56 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 11 | 50 | 3 | 53 | 70 | 76% | -17 | 64 | 83% |
| A462 | Paradise Valley, AZ | 6 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 100% | 0 | 1 | 100% |
| A466 | Covina, CA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0 | n/a |
| A505 | North San Diego, CA | 71 | 63 | 64 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 55 | 4 | 59 | 67 | 88% | -8 | 66 | 89% |
| A527 | Irvine, CA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 11 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 11 | 100% |
| A528 | Palm Desert, CA | 17 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 19 | 18 | 106% | 1 | 19 | 100% |
| A531 | Lancaster, CA | 22 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0% | -7 | 1 | 0% |
| A536 | Temecula, CA | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 14 | 93% | -1 | 13 | 100% |
| A540 | Honolulu, HI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 16 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 16 | 100% |
| District 20 | | 997 | 973 | 856 | 112 | 48 | 84 | 71 | 928 | 95 | 1023 | 1000 | 102% | 23 | 1094 | 94% |
| A150 | San Francisco, CA | 95 | 96 | 89 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 16 | 87 | 90 | 97% | -3 | 87 | 100% |
| A151 | Fresno, CA | 51 | 48 | 51 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 8 | 52 | 52 | 100% | 0 | 52 | 100% |
| A153 | Sacramento, CA | 12 | 30 | 48 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 7 | 61 | 55 | 111% | 6 | 61 | 100% |
| A171 | Oakland, CA | 87 | 109 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 91 | 13 | 104 | 102 | 102% | 2 | 106 | 98% |
| A212 | Stockton, CA | 21 | 25 | 34 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 6 | 41 | 37 | 111% | 4 | 41 | 100% |
| A217 | Vallejo, CA | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 100% | 0 | 6 | 100% |
| A228 | Marysville, CA | 8 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 100% | 0 | 4 | 100% |
| A246 | Modesto, CA | 59 | 53 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 12 | 31 | 4 | 35 | 50 | 70% | -15 | 47 | 74% |
| A251 | San Jose, CA | 94 | 100 | 99 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 95 | 4 | 99 | 100 | 99% | -1 | 99 | 100% |
| A259 | Pittsburg, CA | 24 | 24 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 24 | 75% | -6 | 23 | 78% |
| A281 | Reno, NV | 34 | 32 | 32 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 3 | 34 | 35 | 97% | -1 | 35 | 97% |
| A392 | San Mateo, CA | 25 | 17 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 1 | 19 | 23 | 83% | -4 | 23 | 83% |
| District 21 | | 518 | 548 | 552 | 20 | 12 | 30 | 24 | 495 | 65 | 560 | 575 | 97% | -15 | 584 | 96% |
| A154 | Portland, OR | 70 | 69 | 47 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 65 | 5 | 70 | 72 | 97% | -2 | 74 | 95% |
| A177 | Seattle, WA | 62 | 47 | 66 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 53 | 10 | 63 | 67 | 94% | -4 | 67 | 94% |
| A178 | Tacoma, WA | 2 | 22 | 22 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 2 | 32 | 23 | 139% | 9 | 32 | 100% |
| A179 | Aberdeen, WA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 100% | 0 | 5 | 100% |
| A180 | Spokane, WA | 20 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 13 | 92% | -1 | 12 | 100% |
| A255 | Bellingham, WA | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 100% | 0 | 4 | 100% |
| A256 | Everett, WA | 15 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 16 | 81% | -3 | 15 | 87% |
| District 22 | | 178 | 172 | 171 | 7 | 17 | 5 | 10 | 167 | 32 | 199 | 185 | 108% | 14 | 209 | 95% |
| Region 08 | | 1740 | 1745 | 1636 | 142 | 80 | 120 | 111 | 1637 | 200 | 1837 | 1825 | 101% | 12 | 1948 | 94% |



Message from District Governor Helen Sexton

Dear Sisters,

Summer is almost over and I trust all of you are having an enjoyable time. But September will soon be upon us and once again the ritual must begin; monthly meetings, fundraisers, charity work and other fun activities.

A this time, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the 2012 District 21 Convention delegates for once again placing their trust in me and electing me D. O. P. Governor for another year. The following were also elected to the District Lodge:

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| •Lt. Governor | Kathy Leles |
| •Secretary | Sylvia Golfes, PDG |
| •Treasurer | JoAnne Panagopoulos, PDG |
| •Marshal | Cathy Photopoulos |

Of course, Margo Drosos, immediate PDG will remain as DOP and MOA Advisor. Congratulations to all of you Sisters! I am very excited to be able to work with such a talented and experienced group!

On behalf of my lodge, I am also extending the congratulations to Sister Diana Vlahos, Harmonia #367 for being selected District Penelope of the Year, and to Sister Mary Gavrilis, Phaedra #64, for being selected district Daughter of the Year. Great job, Sisters! Your dedication and service to our organization is exemplary. Many thanks and congratulations, of course, go to the Sacramento AHEPA family for hosting this year's District Convention at Lake Tahoe and for a job well done.

The Supreme Convention held in Las Vegas was quite enjoyable and well attended. District 21 had a sizable delegation. On behalf of my Lodge and District 21, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected Grand Lodge officers, Joanne Saltas, Grand President, Aspa Kostopoulos, Canadian President, Anna-Helene Panagakos, Grand Vice President, Demi Thomas, Grand Secretary, Connie Pilallis, Grand Treasurer, Cookie Patelos, Grand Governor Zone I, Catherine Chapelas, Grand Governor Zone II, Barbara Maligas, Grand Governor Zone III, our very own Jan Spanos, Grand Governor Zone IV, and Niki Pallas, Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena. I am very pleased to announce that our liaison will be Sister Connie Pilallis. We are very excited and looking forward to her visits. Sister Niki McDonald from Chicago was selected Penelope of the Year. Again, Sisters, congratulations to you all!

Sisters, the District Lodge and I are looking forward to our visitations to your chapters. A tentative schedule will be sent to you with my September Bulletin. If at all possible, please try to accommodate the lodge in regards to the dates. There are so many events happening in the district that it makes for a very tight schedule. Therefore I thank you in advance for your consideration.

My best wishes to all for an exciting, fun and productive year.

Dr. John Grossomanides Re-elected Supreme President

Rhode Island Native Runs Uncontested, Earns Second Term



LAS VEGAS - 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, re-elected Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides at its 90th Annual Supreme Convention in Las Vegas Nev. Dr. Grossomanides ran unopposed in elections that were held Thursday, July 26, 2012. Formal installation ceremonies were held Friday, July 27, 2012.

"I am honored and humbled to be re-elected supreme president of AHEPA," said Dr. Grossomanides, Jr., a 28-year member. "We continue to face many important challenges as the need for community service is more in demand than ever, both in the United States and abroad. Obviously, we will continue our commitment to provide the people of Greece with humanitarian aid through Apostoli Mission during this unprecedented economic crisis. The geopolitical importance of the Republic of Cyprus—a nation that remains divided after thirty-eight years—is rising as it assumes the rotating presidency of the EU and pursues hydrocarbon reserves within its sovereign borders and the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate persists."

He continued, "I look forward to working with our seasoned 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 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 degree 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 newly-married to the former Anna-Helene Panagakos, Brooklyn, N.Y., who was elected Grand Vice President of the Daughters of Penelope at its convention proceedings.

Election of AHEPA Leadership for 2012-2013. The AHEPA Supreme Lodge is the international governing body of the organization. The 2012-13 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 Anthony Drakos, Ambridge, Pa. ; Supreme Counselor George Loucas, Brecksville, Ohio; and Supreme Athletic Director Ike Gulas, PSP, Birmingham, Ala.

The eight Supreme Governors are: Region I: Dalton Respass, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Region II: Ed Guminski, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Region III: James Kokotas, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Region IV: John Tanionos, East Sandwich, Mass.; Region V: Socrates Kolitsos; Region VI: Nick Kavadas, Schererville, Ind.; Region VII: James Peros, Denver; and Region VIII: Chris Mellas, Yorba Linda, Calif. **Re-elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were:** John Galanis, Elm Grove, Wisc., and Constantine Calliontzis, Dedham, Mass. Christopher Gallas, Brooklyn, N.Y., was re-elected to a term on the Board of Auditors.

AHEPA Family Elections: The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family also held elections. Joanne Saltas, Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; Michael Michalopoulos, Norman, Okla., Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Angela Armstrong, Chandler, Ariz., Maids of Athena Grand President.

Friday's Installation Ceremony of newly elected officers officially concluded the 90th AHEPA Supreme Convention, which began Sunday, July 22 and celebrated the organization's historic 90th anniversary. The 2013 Supreme Convention will convene in Orlando, Fla., at the Loews Portofino Bay Hotel.

Saltas Elected Grand President of Daughters of Penelope

Salt Lake City Native, Retired Educator Tapped to Lead DOP



The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women's organization, elected Joanne Saltas, Salt Lake City, Utah, Grand President for the 2012-13 administrative year. Elections were held July 25, 2012 at the 90th Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, Nev.

"It is an honor and a great thrill to be elected Grand President," said Saltas, who is a member of Charai Chapter 79, Salt Lake City. "I look forward to working with the Grand Lodge and the membership to take our existing successful programs in education, philanthropy, and social services to greater levels to the benefit of the community."

Saltas, a 38-year member of the Daughters of Penelope, has served all major positions at national, district, and chapter levels within the organization, including Grand Vice-President (2011-12) and all offices at the Grand Lodge level. In 2007, she was selected as National Penelope of the Year.

"I believe strongly in the philosophy of our organization's founder, Alexandra Apostolides, who championed empowering women to be strong advocates for others and encouraged women to pursue ways to serve the broader community," said Saltas. "The Daughters of Penelope provides these invaluable opportunities."

The newly elected grand president was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is a graduate of the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education and a Master's degree in Computer Science. Although Saltas is now retired after a 30-year teaching career, she currently does part-time work for the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Saltas is also active in other community organizations. She is a member of the Philoptochos, and she is a past president of the local Pan Arcadian chapter.

The Salt Lake City native is the daughter of the late Paul and Sophie Saltas and has three married sisters, three nephews, one niece and one grandnephew. Saltas is a dog mom many times over.

2012-13 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge. Elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge were: Grand Vice President Anna Helene Grossomanides, Westerly, R.I.; Canadian President Aspa Kostopoulos, Ontario, Canada; Grand Secretary Demi Thomas, Ridgewood, N.J.; Grand Treasurer Connie Pilallis, Boca Raton, Fla.; Grand Governor Zone I Maria Cookie Patelos, Albany, N.Y.; Grand Governor Zone II Kathryn Tripodis, Parma, Ohio; Grand Governor Zone III Barbara Maligas, Spring, Texas; Grand Governor Zone IV Jan Spanos, Sacramento, Calif.; and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Niki Pallas, Chandler, Arizona.

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

Saltas' theme for the administrative year is "Achieve." She has challenged the membership to reach new heights of tolerance, respect, and patience and to achieve more in the way of programs, events, and outreach in the community.

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).

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For more information about the DOP, or any of its programs or projects, please visit www.ahepa.org/dop.



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Golden Gate District #21 Schedule of Visitations & Events 2012-2013



October

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 | Wednesday | Visitation | San Francisco | Holy Trinity Church |
| 13 | Saturday | Fall Conference | Dunlap, CA | St. Nicholas Ranch |
| 16 | Tuesday | Visitation | Modesto | Annunciation Church |
| 25 | Thursday | Visitation | Stockton | St. Basil Church |
| 27 | Saturday | Visitation | Reno | St. Anthony Church |

November

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|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 | Saturday | Visitation | Fresno | St. George Church |
| 14 | Wednesday | Visitation | San Jose | St. Nicholas Church |
| 15 | Thursday | Visitation | San Mateo | Burlingame Women's Club |
| 17 | Saturday | Founders Day Luncheon | San Francisco | TBA |

January

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|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 10 | Thursday | DOP Visitation | Walnut Creek | TBA |
| 10 | Thursday | AHEPA Visitation | Contra Costa | St. Demetrios Church |
| 11-13 | Fri-Sun | Supreme Pres. Visitation | Fresno/Modesto/Stockton/Sacramento | |
| 19 | Saturday AM | Visitation | Sacramento | Annunciation Church |
| 19 | Saturday PM | Visitation | Marysville | AHEPA Building |
| 26 | Saturday | District Poker Night | Stockton | TBA |

February

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| 2 | Saturday AM | Visitation | Oakland | Ascension Cathedral |
| 2 | Saturday PM | Visitation | Vallejo | Sts. Constantine & Helen |

March

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| 16 | Saturday | Spring Conference | Oakland | Ascension Cathedral |
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April

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| 12-14 | Saturday | Sisterhood Conference | Portland, OR | TBA |
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June

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| 14-16 | Fri-Sun | District Convention | Modesto | Doubletree Hotel |
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August

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| TBA | | Supreme Convention | Orlando, FL | Loews Portofino Bay Hotel |
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Thank you
note from 2012
scholarship
recipient
Niko Tsiplakos

Dear AHEPA members,
I would like to express
my deepest appreciation for having been
Selected as a recipient of the District
21st Scholarship award.

My grand father, Nick
Tsiplakos who was a proud member
of the AHEPA for over 40 years
was my inspiration. He taught me
the importance of education, and
what it means, to hold high values
for the future.

I truly am thank ful for this
~~awa~~ scholarship. I also would
like to congratulate all other
recipients. Thank you!

From,
Niko Tsiplakos





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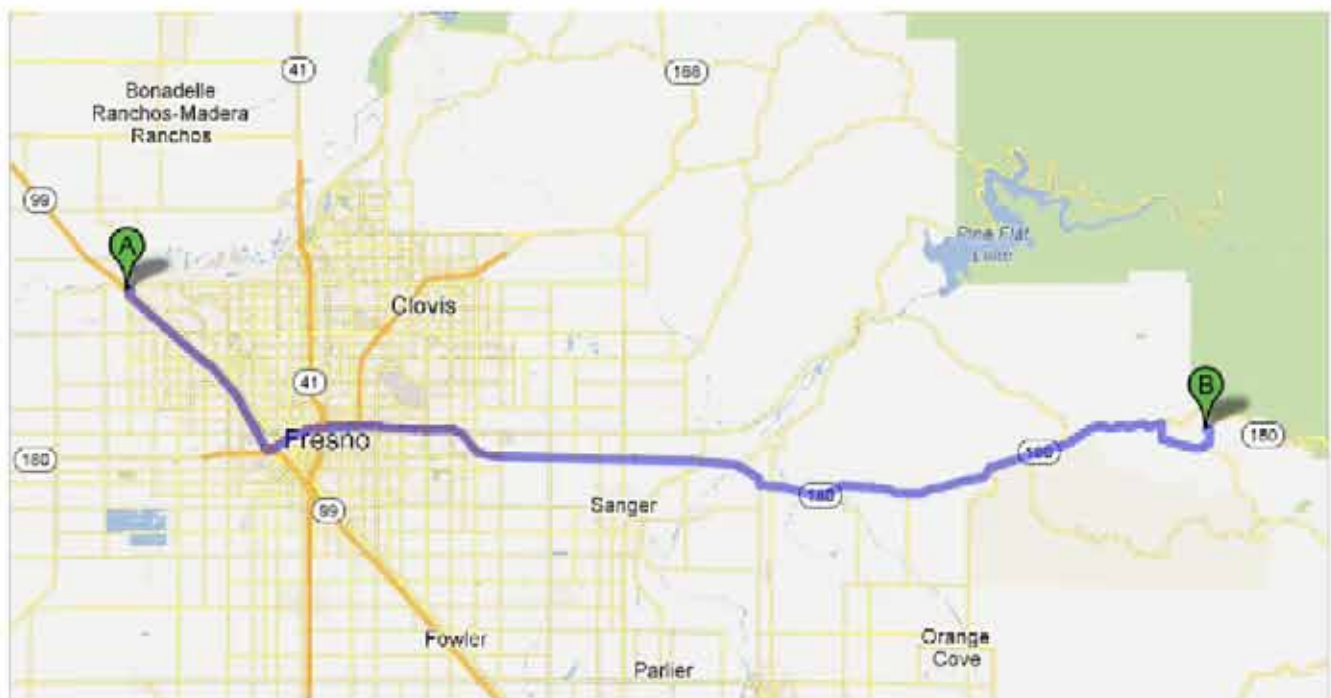
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| 180 | Turn left onto CA-180 E/E Kings Canyon Rd About 25 mins | go 17.6 mi |
| ↗ | Turn right onto Dunlap Rd About 5 mins | go 2.5 mi |
| ↖ | Turn left toward James George Dr About 3 mins | go 0.9 mi |
| ↖ | Turn left onto James George Dr | go 0.2 mi total 51.3 mi |



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District Convention - June 2012 - Lake Tahoe

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Daughters of Penelope District Convention Delegates



*District #21 Daughters of Penelope Delegates attending Grand Banquet
2012 Supreme Convention, Las Vegas, NV*



*2012-2013
Grand
Lodge*



*2011-2012
Grand Lodge
being escorted
into meeting
room.*





Above: DOP delegates table at the Supreme Convention

Right: District 21 members at the Supreme Convention



*Above: District #21
DOP Delegates,
Supreme Convention*

*Right: Dressed to
kill District #21
members attending
Supreme Convention
Grand Banquet*



Fresno Ahepa Chapter #151 News

by Chris E. Rockas, PSC

Our Founder's Day Brunch held on Sunday, July 8, 2012 celebrating the 4th of July and our chapter's founding was celebrated in fine fashion. This is after our delegates attended the very successful District Convention held on June 8, 2012 in South Lake Tahoe.

Our delegates consisting of District Governor Robert Sexton, President George Gianopulos, Treasurer Ted Boosalis and District Executive Secretary Bill Booras, were pleased and satisfied with the business deliberations and conclusions arrived at. We hope all district conventions go as smoothly as this one.



*District Governor Helen Sexton
with Grand VP Joanne Saltas*



*District Governor Bob Sexton
at District Convention*



*PSC Chris E. Rockas and his
spouse Eleni A. Rockas*



*George Gianopulos, District
Secretary, and his spouse Dorothea*



*Spencer, Conner, Darin, Wendy and
Hannah Denney with PSC Chris E. Rockas
and Eleni A. Rockas (the relatives). Connor
was accepted to Harvard.*

The Kazangian family with their son Niko who received a district scholarship surrounded by members of the Fresno Ahepa Chapter. Bill Booras, Dorothea Gianopulos, Evelyn Boosalis and Ted Boosalis, Ted Boosalis and Rick Kazangian.



Fresno Ahepa Chapter #151 News Part II

by Chris E. Rockas, PSC

The National Ahepa Convention held the end of July 2012 in Las Vegas was one of the best in recent history. When Ahepa can get over 400 delegates and friends to attend the Athletic Scholarship Luncheon and over 700 delegates and friends to attend the Grand Banquet, you can bet your bottom dollar that AHEPA is on the move. Our delegates, consisting of District Governor Robert Sexton, President George Gianopulos, Executive District Secretary Bill Booras and Past Supreme Counselor Chris E. Rockas were impressed at how well the business sessions and the activities moved so smoothly and swiftly in five days.

The Banquet was one of the best and featured a program consisting of Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Monroe impersonators that were excellent. The food was better than average and the champagne to cheer and drink to AHEPA's 90 years of existence topped off the banquet. Through the elections were contested, we feel that by and large the right persons were chosen to lead us in 2012-2013.

Our next event to be hosted in the fall is our District Conference to be held at St. Nicholas Ranch and will be basically a two day event. We hope that all of the members of District #21 make an effort to attend as it will be an exciting weekend!



Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Monroe impersonators



PSC Rockas with SP Grossomanides & SC Lucas



George & Dorothea Gianopulos



Above: District 21 Delegates with SP Grossomanides & PSP Banis

Below: Delegates from District #21 meeting for lunch.



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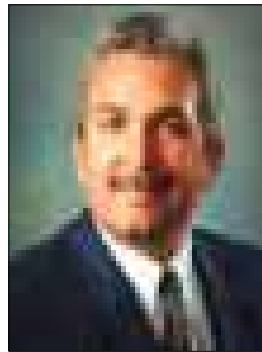
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