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District 21 Convention

Chiarchianis and Leles elected Golden Gate District 21 Governors

Tom Chiarchianis was elected Order of Ahepa Golden Gate District 21 Governor at the 81st Annual Golden Gate District #21 Convention held this past June in Modesto, California. Chiarchianis is a member of Stockton Chapter #212 and served the past two years as AHEPA Golden Gate District #21 Lt. Governor.

Kathy Leles, elected Daughters of Penelope District Governor, is a member of Sparta Chapter #18 of Stockton. Kathy served as District #21 Lt. Governor of the Daughters of Penelope the past two years.

Congratulations and best wishes to Brother Tom and Sister Kathy on their journey in 2013-2014.

Please see their messages on pages 3 and 4.

GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

9:30 AM

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Hosted by the San Jose Ahepa Family

See page 6 for details & registration form

Supreme Convention

Anthony Kouzounis -Elected Supreme President

Joanne Saltas - Re-elected Grand President

John Ververis - Elected Supreme President SOP

Angela Armstrong - Re-elected Grand President MOA

Congratulations to elected members from District #21

George Booras - Elected Supreme Governor Region VIII

Jan Spanos - Elected DOP Grand Treasurer

Diane Peterson - Elected Grand Governor Zone IV



Anthony Kouzounis

Houston Native Runs Uncontested

ORLANDO - The delegates of the AHEPA elected Anthony Kouzounis, Houston, as their supreme president at the 91st Annual Supreme Convention, Orlando, Fla. Kouzounis ran unopposed in elections that were held Friday, August 23, 2013. Formal installation ceremonies were held Saturday, August 24, 2013.

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AHEPA District Governor's Message

Brothers,

Greetings! As of this writing, August has arrived and someone once said that it is the Dog Days of Summer. As I was sitting in front of my computer preparing to write my first message as District Governor, I was struck by how quickly summer has passed.

It seems like yesterday that the Modesto AHEPA Family treated us to a fantastic District Convention. Everyone involved, from Co-Chairs Mary Gavrilis and Alex Bazos to the Brothers of AHEPA Chapter #246 and Sisters of Phaedra Chapter #64 did a wonderful job in hosting the 81st Annual District 21 Convention.

At the Modesto Convention, a great honor was bestowed upon me when my Brother Delegates elected me District Governor for 2013-2014. I am very humbled that my Brothers have the faith and trust in me to carry the torch of District Governor. I will make every effort as District Governor to continue this legacy that began with Brother George Triphon some 81+ years ago.

I am also very proud to announce your District Lodge for 2013-2014: William "Bill" Anton, Lt. Governor; George Zioulas, Secretary; Alex Bazos, Treasurer; George Chimiklis, Marshal; George Gianopulos, Warden; Stamus Cocolos, Athletic Director; Steve Miller PDG, Chaplain; and lest I forget, Robert Sexton PDG, our District Lodge Advisor. In addition, I would like to extend profound thanks to Brother Bob for a job well done as the immediate past District Governor. Under Bob's leadership, District 21 has seen growth in membership across the board, as well as renewed enthusiasm among the chapters. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Kathy Leles, the newly elected Daughters of Penelope District 21 Governor for 2013-2014 and to Kathy's new District Lodge.

Congratulations are also in order to two AHEPANS who received recognitions at this year's convention. Brother Bill Anton was awarded the Ahepan of the Year, for his years of fine service to District 21 and to his Oakland Chapter and Brother Stamus Cocolos, Modesto Chapter #246, was awarded Chapter President of the Year. Also recognized was the San Jose Chapter as District 21 Chapter of the Year. Axios!

During my time on the District Lodge, I have always enjoyed traveling to the chapters and breaking bread with the members of the AHEPA Family. I look forward to the start of the visitation season. Please notice that the 2013 – 2014 visitation schedule is in this issue of *The Traveler* and may be subject to change.

When this issue of *The Traveler* is launched, the AHEPA Family Supreme Convention which was held in Orlando, Florida will have completed its business. Unfortunately, due to a death in my family, I was unable to attend this year's convention. Brother Bob Sexton was in Orlando and I am sure he will have much to report at the San Jose conference. In September, I will be attending the District Governor's Seminar in Washington, DC on September 13th and 14th. The conference will give me the opportunity to meet other District Governors and members of the Supreme Lodge. I will report on the results of the Supreme Convention and the Governor's Seminar at the San Jose Conference in November.

The biggest news of 2013-2014 will be the Multi-District Convention which will be held in Reno, Nevada from June 19-22. The Atlantis Resort Casino and Spa will play host to Districts 17, 20, 21, and 22. The Convention Executive Committee is made up of Bill Anton and Kathy Leles, Co-Chairmen; Deana Chiarchianis, Secretary and Alex Bazos, Treasurer. All four districts voted overwhelming in favor of this new convention concept which I anticipate will be very special.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the next year. Please know that my "virtual door" is always open to take your comments and/or suggestions. If you do not do e-mail, you can always contact me via cell phone or snail mail (while it lasts).

Exciting times are fast approaching. So buckle up and hang on because this is going to be fun!

Tom Chiarchianis

District Governor



Fall Greetings from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor

Time has certainly flown by this summer and it is my hope that you were able to accomplish many things, spend quality time with family and friends and enjoy a little rest and relaxation. As I write my first District Governors message - the day before school starts - I am reflecting on the wonderful things I was able to do during my time off. As I head back to work in the morning, I will be greeted by a classroom full of children ready to learn, adapt to the changes of 4th grade and eventually become successful life-long learners. These examples can also apply to us as sisters in the Daughters of Penelope. First and foremost, I have accepted this position with complete dedication and pride knowing that as your District Governor, I will learn and experience many things just as those before me. There will also be slight changes and adjustments, however in the long run, I know this will be a fantastic and successful year. Furthermore, I thank all of you who elected me and my sisters to the District Lodge at the District Convention in Modesto this past June. These wonderful and talented women who stand beside me are P.J. Rishard, Lt. Governor; Beverly Kennedy, Secretary; JoAnne Panagopoulos, Treasurer; Litsa Miller, Marshal, and Helen Sexton, PDG and Advisor. In addition, Mary Gavrilis from Phaedra # 64, has been appointed as District 21 Scholarship Chairman. Congratulations Sisters! Congratulations are also in order to newly elected AHEPA District Governor Tom Chiarchianis and his District Lodge. We can't wait to get the year started.

Many thanks go to the Modesto AHEPA Family for hosting this year's District Convention which I must say, ran like clockwork. I commend Co-Chairs Mary Gavrilis and Alex Bazos, along with the many Brothers of AHEPA Chapter #246 and Sisters of Phaedra #64, who volunteered their time and talents. Everyone had a marvelous time!

I am also very happy to announce that the 2013 District Penelope of the Year is PDG JoAnne Panagopoulos from Sparta #18, Stockton and the Daughter of the Year for 2013 is Mary Kireopoulos from Eos #1, San Francisco. Thank you for all you do, not only for your own chapters, but for our Sisterhood. Sisters JoAnne and Mary will be honored for their achievements at the Conference in November. You both are worthy of these awards!

The National Convention was held in Orlando, Florida on August 17-24 and unfortunately, I was not able to attend due to my niece's wedding. I thank PDG Helen Sexton for representing me and she will report all the news at the Conference in San Jose. I plan, however, to attend the District Governor's conference in Washington D.C. in September and will also keep you informed of any new developments with the Daughters of Penelope.

As our chapters are in full swing of planning their calendars, please keep in mind that the San Jose AHEPA Family will be hosting the only conference for District 21 on November 2nd, Eos #1 will be hosting their annual Founder's Day luncheon on November 16th, Artemis # 5 will be hosting the Sisterhood Conference on April 5th and the Western Regional Convention will be held on June 19-22 in Reno, Nevada at the Atlantis Resort Casino and Spa. Districts 17, 20, 21 and 22 will be represented! You will also notice in the Traveler our tentative visitation schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone. I will do my very best to accommodate and help you. We look forward to a very successful year.

In Theta Pi,

Kathy Leles

District Governor



Golden Gate District 21
Schedule of Visitations & Events
2013-2014

October

Week of 7th

19 Saturday

26 Saturday

San Francisco

Stockton & Modesto

Reno

Holy Trinity Church

TBA (In Modesto)

St. Anthony Church

November

2 Saturday

9 Saturday

16 Saturday

Fall Conference
DOP Founder's Day

Fresno

San Jose

San Francisco

St. George Church

St. Nicholas Church

TBA

January

11 Saturday

18 Saturday

25 Saturday

Oakland, Vallejo &

Walnut Creek

Sacramento

San Jose & San Mateo

Ascension Cathedral

Annunciation Church

TBA

April

5 Saturday

Sisterhood Conference

Sacramento

TBA

June

19-22 Thurs – Sun.

Western Regional Convention

Reno, NV

Atlantis Hotel &
 Casino

July

21-26 Mon – Sat.

Supreme Convention

New Orleans, LA

TBA

ORDER OF AHEPA AND DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21



CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013



ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
SMALL HALL
1260 DAVIS STREET
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HOSTED BY THE SAN JOSE AHEPA FAMILY

WELCOME/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 9:30AM
COMBINED AHEPA/DAUGHTERS MEETING 10:30AM
LUNCHEON 12:00PM
INDIVIDUAL AHEPA/DAUGHTERS MEETING 1:30PM
ADJOURN ABOUT 3:30PM

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Stamus Cocolos
President AHEPA 246

Golden Gate District 21 81ST Annual District Convention Hosted by Modesto AHEPA Family



Tina Gianopoulos
President Phaedra 64

Co-Chairpersons

Alex Bazos
Mary Gavrilis

Registration

Effie Bazos
Fred Thompson

Welcome Night

Stamus Cocolos
Tina Gianopoulos

Scholarship Luncheon

Paul Forakis
Ella Velthoen

Glendi

Gus Berris
Manuel Katotakis

Sunday Coffee Hour

Jeff Brown
Maria Berris
Gloria Vincent

Convention Album

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Gloria Vincent



Thank you AHEPA Family of District 21

After a year of anticipation and hard work, the 81st Annual District 21 AHEPA Family Convention has come and gone with many fond memories of our accomplishments.

On behalf of AHEPA 246 and Phaedra #64 and the entire Modesto community, we want to thank District 21 for all their help and support before, during and after our most successful convention. The convention epitomized all the fine attributes of both the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Family. All our delegates truly enjoyed the weekend and the warm hospitality of the Modesto Community.

We were very blessed to have strong delegation support and participation in our Convention Album. From all this, it will be a pleasure to give back to District 21. Again thank you all for joining us.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Alex Bazos Mary Gavrilis

Alex Bazos & Mary Gavrilis
2013 Convention Co-Chairs

2013 DISTRICT CONVENTION - MODESTO, CA





2013 DISTRICT CONVENTION - MODESTO, CA



Thank you, to our Ahepa Family, for giving us one of the most successful District 21 Conventions. We are truly Blessed!

**Don't forget Multi-District Convention next June 19-22, 2014.
To be held at the Atlantis Casino in Reno.**



Supreme Convention Continued from Page 1

"It is an honor to be elected AHEPA supreme president," Kouzounis said. "The community continues to face a multitude of challenges that are important to address as the need for community service is relentless, both in the United States and abroad and the promotion of Hellenic ideals will always be a priority."

He added, "I am excited to work with our seasoned Supreme Lodge and our membership to address these challenges and keep AHEPA on the steady path set forth by my predecessors in a spirit true to our mission."

Kouzounis is a member of Alexander the Great Chapter 29, Houston. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including two terms as supreme vice president and all offices at the district and chapter levels. As supreme president, Kouzounis' responsibilities include being the chief executive officer, and principal spokesperson, of the entire AHEPA domain, which includes the United States, Canada, and chapters in Europe.

Election of AHEPA Leadership for 2013-2014

The 2013-14 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Canadian President George Vassilas, Supreme Vice President Phillip T. Frangos, Supreme Secretary John Galanis, Supreme Treasurer Andy Zachariades, Supreme Counselor Gregory Stamos, Supreme Athletic Director Louis G. Atsaves, and Sons of Pericles National Advisor James Kokotas.

The eight Supreme Governors are: Region I: Nick Stathopoulos, Region II: Philip Yamalis, Region III: Ted Fanikos, Region IV: Nicholas Nikas, Region V: Tony Manolias, Region VI: Nick Kavadas, Region VII: Nicholas Dixie, and Region VIII: George Booras.

Elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were: George Loucas, Cos Marandos, and Nick Matthews. Matthews was re-elected.

AHEPA Family Elections: Two Re-elected as President

The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family

also held elections. Joanne Saltas, Salt Lake City, Utah, was re-elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; John Ververis, Southington, Conn., elected Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Angela Armstrong, Chandler, Ariz., was re-elected Maids of Athena Grand President.



Saturday's Installation Ceremony of newly elected officers officially concluded the 91st AHEPA Supreme Convention, which began Monday, August 19.

See Daughters of Penelope next page

Daughters of Penelope

Saltas Re-elected Grand President of Daughters of Penelope Salt Lake City Native, Retired Educator Re-elected

Delegates of the Daughters of Penelope re-elected Joanne Saltas, Salt Lake City, Utah, to be their Grand President for the 2013-14 administrative year. Elections were held August 23, 2013 at the 91st Annual AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Orlando, Fla.

"It is humbling to be re-elected Grand President," said Saltas, who is a member of Charai Chapter 79, Salt Lake City. "I look forward to continuing our work 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 39-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 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," Saltas said. "The Daughters of Penelope provides these invaluable opportunities."

The 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.

2013-14 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge

Elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge were: Grand Vice President Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Westerly, R.I. (re-elected); Canadian President Aspa Kostopoulos, Ontario, Canada; Grand Secretary Connie Pilallis, Boca Raton, Fla.; Grand Treasurer Jan Spanos, Sacramento, Calif.; Grand Governor Zone I Julia Collins, North Babylon, N.Y.; Grand Governor Zone II Kathryn Tripodis, Parma, Ohio (re-elected); Grand Governor Zone III Eva Jean Fomalont of Albuquerque, N.M.; Grand Governor Zone IV Diane Petersen of Elk Grove, Calif.; and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Ann-Marie Cariotis, Dallas, Texas.



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Daughters of Penelope Continued

“Our Grand Lodge has a tremendous amount of experience with our officers having served in all capacities within the organization,” Saltas said. “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 “Prevail.” The theme builds on themes she has utilized the previous two years where she has asked members to “Join,” “Achieve,” and now, “Prevail.”

“I believe we’ve challenged the members to ‘Join’ and ‘Achieve’ and now it is time for us to succeed and be our best and to ultimately ‘Prevail,’” she said.



Top Row L to R: Grand Governor Zone I Julia Collins, Grand Governor Zone III Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand Governor Zone IV Diane Petersen, Grand MOA Advisor Ann-Marie Cariotis and Executive Director Elena Saviolakis.

Bottom Row L to R: Grand Treasurer Jan Spanos, Grand President Joanne Saltas, Grand Vice President Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Canadian President Aspa Kostopoulos and Grand Secretary Connie Pilallis.

Oakland Ahepa Family

by Bill Anton

Oakland Chapter #171 and Daughters of Penelope Echo Chapter #4 celebrated AHEPA DAY and their 75th and 80th anniversaries with food and wine. The two chapters held a wonderful luncheon meal inviting and serving over 250 Parish members and their families after church service. An event planned for the outdoors quickly was moved into the church hall as the temperature rose to a VERY HIGH degree which would have been totally uncomfortable. No way am I able to thank each member individually. There were many and I would feel terrible should I forget one. So please!! I wish to thank you on behalf of the officers and members of both lodges for your help and tireless effort. It certainly was a wonderful day and not to be forgotten.

THE 2014 MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION IS APPROACHING

by Bill Anton

June 2014 may seem a long way off, but be sure it will sneak up on us quicker than we know. Your Co-Chairpersons, Lt. District Governor, William Anton and District Governor, Kathy Leles, along with District Governor, Tom Chiarchianis (our coordinating Chairman), are looking for all the convention help that is available. Planning and coordinating this convention is not an easy task; however, the three of us are ready and able to the task. The only way we can be successful is with abundant help and the willingness to work. Contact us or your Chapter President so you may offer your assistance and energy to help make this a stellar event.

The other three Districts that are with us will also be a large part of our team. This convention is known as the Multi-District Convention. We gave it a nickname: **MEET AND GREET.**

IN MEMORIAM

Ceil Koplos

April 8, 1921 - July 7, 2013



Cecelia Mary Hourmouzous Koplos, was born April 8, 1921 in Sloven PA, daughter of Greek immigrants. The only girl among three brothers, Ceil often referred to herself as a "coal miners daughter." Ceil spent her childhood in Wheeling West Virginia and boasted about her perfect attendance in school in spite of snowy winters. Following high school graduation she attended a local secretarial school and took her first job as secretary to an accountant.

During WWII, Ceil's next-door neighbor, befriended a nice Greek boy while serving in Alaska. He encouraged Jim to write to this cute little Greek girl back home whom he could never date himself, being non-Greek. Thus began a three-year pen-pal courtship between Ceil and Jim. They were married in Dallas, Texas in 1945 and returned to Oakland to build their family and grocery business. Ceil and Jim were blessed with three children, MaryAnn, Theodora and Paul.

For 25 years, Ceil held secretarial positions for the East Bay Regional Parks District. Ceil and Jim were active members of the Oakland Greek Orthodox community. Ceil was a 65 year member of the Daughters of Penelope of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

Ceil is survived by her two daughters Mary Ann Gipson of Danville and Teddi Hamilton of Oakland, son-in-laws Ben Gipson and Kim Hamilton, and their families including five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Ceil was predeceased by her husband of 61 years Jim Koplos, her son Paul Koplos, and her three brothers. Ceil "Ya Ya" will be remembered for lavishing her love, modeling both strength and gentleness with great glamour and passion. She will be deeply missed.

Ceil was member of DOP Echo #4 Chapter and a regular contributor to the Ahepa Traveler covering and reporting chapter news and events in the Bay Area.

Fresno Ahepa Chapter #251 News

by Chris Rockas, PSC

WE DID IT!!!! Some said it wouldn't/couldn't be done. These naysayers were proven wrong. Part 1 of a three part trilogy on Hellenism has been produced and the DVD went on sale.

Sales were kicked off at the 81st Golden Gate District #21 Convention held in Modesto, California on June 14th 2013.

The DVD "OUR GREEK HERITAGE, THE GREEK FOUNDATION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION" was a smashing success - sales were brisk throughout the convention. The DVD was produced by Thucydides Productions whose President and CEO, brother Tony J. Kocolas did a masterful job in writing, editing and finalizing Part I of the project which has been in the works for several years.

Much credit must be given to the Oversight Committee of the Hellenic Project for its determination and perseverance in its efforts to promote Hellenism. Brother Kocolas is presently working on Part II and Part III.

Many thanks go to the Ahepa Chapters of District #21 and some Ohio Ahepa Chapters as well as some districts and chapters of the Pan Cretan Association of American for their strong financial support.

Fresno Ahepa Chapter #151 should be proud for conceiving, executing and pursuing the Hellenism Project.

Moving along - kudos to co-chairpersons Sister Mary Gavrilis, Brother Alex Bazos and the entire Modesto Ahepa Family for putting on a very memorable district convention this year.

Fresno Ahepa Chapter held its election of officers for 2013-2014: Michael Makredes, President; Michael Gomez, Vice President; Bill Booras, Secretary; Ted Boosalis, Treasurer; and Board of Trustee members - George Gianopoulos, Chairman; Rick Kazanjian, Robert Sexton, Constantine Pappas and James Boukidis.

Plans are proceeding for our November 2013 formal banquet to celebrate our 85th Anniversary. We hope all of you can make it. For us, it is a milestone.

50 and counting

Paul and Sophia Eliopoulos celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

On a beautiful August evening in Sausalito, California, Paul and Sophia Eliopoulos celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. Cocktails, fine dining, entertainment and dancing on a night to remember. Congratulations Paul and Sophia!



Stockton Ahepa Family

by P.J. Rishard

The 81st Annual Golden Gate District 21 AHEPA Family District Convention was hosted on June 14-16 by the Modesto Chapters AHEPA 246 and DOP 64. Their dedication to excellence and hard work was evident as they provided each delegate with great accommodations at the newly-remodeled Doubletree Hotel and given a welcome bag of goodies and great para. After our discussions and deliberations on Saturday, the election of officers proved to be Stockton's finest hour. Our own Tom Chiarchianis was elected as AHEPA's District Governor and the Daughters fared even better -- District Governor -- Kathy Leles, District Lieutenant Governor -- P. J. Rishard, and Treasurer -- JoAnne Panagopoulos (Past District Governor). JoAnne was also elected "Penelope of the Year", the 2nd highest honor a sister in the Daughters of Penelope is granted. We are so proud of all our newly-elected Stocktonians and congratulate them.

Also on Saturday, twelve young and accomplished students with very good GPA's and goals were awarded scholarships through the Order of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope at the Scholarship Luncheon.. Both AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope offer scholarships to students whose parents or grandparents are affiliated with the AHEPA family. We are blessed that the AHEPA family supports education and are proud of the accomplishment and success of our area recipients. We wish them the best of success in their educational goals and future careers.

A fun-filled glendi was held in the beautiful hall of Annunciation Church Saturday night. DJ "Tasso" played lots of Greek music and some Motown, too. A sumptuous dinner consisted of salad, barbecued rib eye steaks and potatoes and green beans, and delicious desserts were served to the delegates, friends and family. A raffle was held that evening and our own Mary Facaros won a bottle of Vodka! Yiassou Mary!

The purpose of AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope is to promote Hellenism, assist in philanthropic programs and offer scholarships. The socializing with

old friends and new, dancing and laughing, and having a fantastic time are the fringe benefits. We invite you to join the AHEPA Family as we look forward to greater things!

DG elect Kathy Leles with outgoing DG Helen Sexton. DG elect Tom Chiarchianis. Convention Glendi.



Sister Katherine Poulos, our oldest Sparta member, celebrated her 95th birthday at La Salette. Her family, many friends, and Fr. Pete & Pres Angie helped her celebrate. We wish her many, many more!

Pictures below from the left. Jaye Rishard (Sparta), Margo Drosos (Past District Governor and liver transplant survivor) & Nick Chiarchianis (AHEPA), Katherine's sister, Zabia, nieces Pamela Victor and Elaine Pennington, Flossie Mitchell (Sparta Life Member) and Angela Gibson (Sparta) with casino cake and cupcakes, and JoAnne Panagopoulos (Past District Governor, Penelope of the Year 2012).





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