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Chiarchianis and Leles re-elected Golden Gate District 21 Governors



Congratulations and best wishes to Brother Tom and Sister Kathy on their journey in 2014-2015.

Please read their messages on pages 3 and 4.

Supreme Convention

Philip T. Frangos - *Elected Supreme President*

Anna-Helene Grossomanides
Elected Grand President

Jimmy Googas - *Elected Supreme President SOP*

Deanna Socaris - *Elected Grand President MOA*

Elected members from District #21 - Congratulations!

Robert Sexton - *Elected Supreme Governor Region VIII*

Jan Spanos - *Elected DOP Grand Secretary*

Diane Peterson - *Elected Grand Governor Zone IV*



Inaugural Western Regional District Convention a Huge Success!

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A Message from your District Governor

Greetings, Brother Ahepans. I hope that you and your families had a wonderful and adventurous summer. With summer coming to an end, your new district lodge has been busy putting together the 2014-2015 calendar. In this issue of the Traveler, please take a look at the schedule to see when your chapter visitation is scheduled. Also on the schedule is the date for the 2014 Fall Conference to be hosted by the Sacramento Ahepa Family.

Now that we have entered into the last days of summer, we can look back on the smashing success of the first ever Western Regional District Convention (WRDC). The convention was represented by four districts; District(s) 17, 20, 21 and 22 and was attended by over 250 delegates and guests, as well as local members and friends of the Reno Ahepa Family. Congratulations are in order for the WRDC co-chairs Daughters of Penelope District 21 Governor Kathy Leles and Ahepa District 21 Lt. Governor William "Bill" Anton. This convention would not have been a success if not for the hard work of the committees, its chairmen and members, and all of the volunteers who pitched in when needed. However, success is not just measured by those who served on a committee, but it can be measured by the delegates and guests of District 21 who made the trip up to Reno. You should be proud to know that District 21 had the largest group of delegates and guests of the four Districts.

As District Governor, I attended the Ahepa Family Supreme Convention in New Orleans. We had a great time visiting the French Quarter as well as exploring the Louisiana Bayou in an air boat and touring two plantations. But, it was not all fun and games, the delegates conducted its business successfully and elected Philip Frangos as the new Ahepa Supreme President. Congratulations are in order to Brother Frangos as well as the new Ahepa Supreme Lodge. Speaking of the Supreme Lodge, our very own Robert Sexton PDG was elected Supreme Governor for Region 8 (District(s) 20, 21, and 22). Axios!

I would also like to introduce your District 21 Lodge for 2014-2015. Lt. Governor: William "Bill" Anton (Oakland Chapter #171), Secretary: Dr. George Zioulas (Silicon Valley Chapter #251), Treasurer: Alex Bazos (Modesto Chapter #246), Marshal: Alexander Mallas (San Mateo Chapter #392), Warden: George "Garrett" Buck (Stockton Chapter #212), Chaplain: Steve Miller, PDG (Oakland Chapter #212), Athletic Director: Stamus Cocolos (Modesto Chapter #246), Auditor: Andrew Mastoras (Fresno Chapter #151), Legal Council: Steven Alferis (Fresno Chapter #151), Executive Secretary: Bill Booras, PDG (Fresno Chapter #151), Advisor: Supreme Governor Robert Sexton, PDG (Fresno Chapter #151).

The delegates at the WRDC elected new members for the District 21 Educational Foundation: Anastassios "Tasso" Kandris (Stockton Chapter #212), George Fonti (San Mateo Chapter #392), Steve Miller, PDG (Oakland Chapter #171), and James Dariotes, PDG (San Francisco Chapter #150). The new members will be joining the current board of Nick Pries, PDG, President, (Silicon Valley Chapter #251), Ellias Phillips, Vice-President (San Francisco Chapter #150), Bill Booras, PDG, Secretary (Fresno Chapter #151), Ted Leonis, Treasurer (Sacramento Chapter #153), Andrew Banis, PDG, PSP (Oakland Chapter #171), Supreme Governor Robert Sexton, PDG, (Fresno Chapter #151), George Booras, PSG (Oakland Chapter #153), Tom Chiarchianis, DG (Stockton Chapter #212), Mike Prokopakis (Silicon Valley Chapter #251), and Chris Frangos (San Mateo Chapter #392). Congratulations to the new members of the Educational Foundation.

The District Lodge, at the WRDC, voted to bestow the honor of Ahepan of the Year to Alex Bazos, District Treasurer and a member of the Modesto Chapter #246. Not only has Alex carried out his duties as District Treasurer for the past four years, he also was the WRDC Treasurer during the two years it took putting that convention together. Alex did not hesitate when I asked him to be the Treasurer for the WRDC, and for that I am grateful. Alex is and was outstanding at both jobs and he was the logical choice to be the 2014-2015 District 21 Ahepan of the Year. Our District Lodge also handed out awards to Chapter of the Year and Chapter President of the Year. This year the District Chapter of the Year went to the Solano Chapter #217. Due to the hard work of Brother Arnold Dorer, this chapter went from one active member to twelve members in less than one year. This may not sound like it would warrant Chapter of the Year, but Solano Chapter #217 went from becoming an inactive chapter to a chapter that will continue to grow and become an important part of District 21.

Chapter President of the Year for 2014-2015 went to Dionysios Litsas of the Oakland Chapter #171. During his term in office, Brother Dionysios was very instrumental in bringing in at least ten new members to the Oakland Chapter. Brother Dionysios was also involved in starting the Oakland Chapter Ahepa Day luncheon. The luncheon is now in its third year and benefits the Oakland Annunciation Cathedral community. Axios!

Finally, I would like to finish by saying that we are going to hit the ground running as we gear up to co-host the 2015 Ahepa Family Supreme Convention, July 1-5 at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco. This will be a District 21 hosted event, everyone throughout the district will be asked to lend a hand. We have great ideas and will be looking to our chapters to show the Ahepa Family domain that we can throw a great Supreme Convention.

I have appreciated all of your support during my first term as District Governor. I look forward to seeing old friends and hopefully some new friends during the visitation season. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. Hope to see you all at the Stockton St. Basil Greek Festival September 5-7. You know I had to get that in!

Fraternally,
Tom Chiarchianis
District Governor D21



Remarkable, Outstanding, Fantastic, Stupendous & One of a Kind

The adjectives above are just some of words echoed by delegates and guests from the 13 Western states and from the East Coast who attended the Western Regional District Convention at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada this past June.

For those of you who attended, you witnessed a convention like no other – close to 300 AHEPANS, Daughters & guests participated not only in their meetings, but were a part of packed rooms at Welcome Night, the Glendi, the Scholarship Lunch and finally the Grand Banquet. Our guests also had the opportunity to welcome Constantine Pappas from Fresno, who entertained everyone not only at the Scholarship Lunch, but again at the Banquet with his wonderful renditions of show tunes and even a few Greek melodies.

This convention could not have become a reality without the vision of my counterpart, AHEPA District Governor Tom Chiarichianis. For the past two years, I had the pleasure of planning this event, along with Brother Bill Anton and it was a feat worth doing. But most importantly, I must thank ALL the Brothers and Sisters from the various districts who stepped up to the plate, not only to chair a committee, but to those that were a part of a committee. You all know who you are and we worked extremely hard, up to the last day, and we did it! To the women who were a part of the 2013-2014 District Lodge, I thank you for your help & support. You definitely helped make the WRDC and our meetings a success.

I am also proud to announce that the delegates from all the Districts – 17, 20, 21 & 22 – unanimously agreed during Opening Ceremonies that it was important to hold a WRDC every two years! District 17 stepped up to the plate and are currently planning the next one in Denver, Colorado in 2016.

As a district, we were very fortunate to have 50 sisters attend our meetings as chapter delegates or alternates. Most of the members from the Grand Lodge were in attendance. They were: GVP Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Grand Secretary, Connie Pallalis, Grand Treasurer Jan Spanos, Grand Governors, Diane Petersen & Kathryn Tripodis, Maids Grand President, Angela Armstrong and Grand Governor for the Maids, Sofie Batshoun.

A very special thank you to the delegates of District 21 who reelected me to another year as District Governor. Your faith in my abilities is overwhelming and I pledge to make it another successful year for District 21 along with the newly elected District Lodge. They include: Lt. Governor, Beverly Kennedy; Secretary, Foula Vasilogiorgis; Treasurer, Mary Gavrilis; Marshal, Vaso Moulas and District Advisor and PDG,

Helen Sexton. Mary Gavrilis will also remain as District 21's Scholarship Chairman fulfilling her second year.

Additional congratulations are extended to Mary Gavrilis who was selected as our 2014 District Penelope of the Year, and to Irene Pauls from Elis #89 as our 2014 Daughter of the Year. You both are to be commended for all the great things you do for your communities and the Daughters of Penelope!

This year it is my goal to not only maintain and reinstate membership but also challenge ourselves to promote the Daughters of Penelope and grow in numbers. It has always been my belief that anything is possible and the best way to keep moving forward is to establish Maids of Athena and Sons of Pericles chapters in our District. The Stockton AHEPA Family will be forming Sons and Maids chapters soon and this is how our young people will become involved and become tomorrow's AHEPANS and Daughters.

At the Supreme Convention this past July in New Orleans, we were very fortunate to have a delegation of 17 sisters from various chapters representing District 21. Once again we met old friends and made new ones. Highlights of the convention were visiting the World War II Museum, taking a riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River and catching the Eos clan shopping at Chico's during well-deserved breaks from the convention. But let there be no doubt in anyone's mind, District 21 once again shined in NOLA. I had the opportunity to accept a 1st place plaque acknowledging District 21 with the most reinstatements throughout the domain and then asked PGP/PDG Connie Aretos to accept another plaque on behalf of Daphne #29 who took 2nd place for the chapter with the most reinstatements!

Congratulations are also extended to the newly elected Grand Lodge Officers from District 21. Sister Jan Spanos was elected Grand Secretary and Sister Diane Petersen, Grand Governor Zone IV. Grand Governor Anne-Maria Cariotis has been assigned as our District's Liaison so you surely see her smiling face often as she was previously the Maids Advisor.

The schedule for chapter visits has been confirmed and is included in this edition of the Traveler. It has also been sent out to all Chapter Presidents and members of the Grand Lodge. Please make sure that your members are in attendance as there will be many items & events to share and discuss with you. Some other dates to keep in mind are:

FOUNDER'S DAY: NOVEMBER 15 in Burlingame

FALL CONFERENCE: November 22 in Elk Grove

SISTERHOOD CONFERENCE: April 25 in San Diego

DISTRICT CONVENTION: June 5-7 in Stockton

SUPREME CONVENTION: JULY 1- JULY 5 in San Francisco

As always, communication is very important so I ask that you continue to keep me abreast of events happening in your chapter so that I may include them in my monthly bulletins. I look forward to greeting each of you during our visits beginning in the month of October and look forward to another successful year for the Good of the Order.

In Theta Pi,

Kathy Leles

District # 21 Governor



Golden Gate District 21 Visitation and Event Schedule 2014-2015

OCTOBER

1 Wednesday

Visitation **San Francisco**
Holy Trinity - 6pm

18 Saturday

Visitation **Stockton/Modesto**
Location TBA - 5:30pm

25 Saturday

Visitation **Reno**
St. Anthony Church - 11am

NOVEMBER

1 Saturday

Visitation **Fresno St.**
George Church - 10am

8 Saturday

Visitation **San Mateo**
Women's Club, Burlingame - TBA

15 Saturday

DOP Founder's Day
Embassy Suites, Burlingame - 11am

22 Saturday

Fall Conference
St. Katherine's Church, Elk Grove

JANUARY

10 Saturday

Visitation **Oakland/Walnut Creek**
Contra Costa/Vallejo - 10am
Ascension Cathedral, Oakland

17 Saturday

Visitation **Sacramento**
Annunciation Church - 10am

24 Saturday

Visitation **San Jose**
St. Nicholas Church - 10am

APRIL

25 Saturday

Sisterhood Conference
Hosted by District 20 in San Diego TBA

JUNE

5-7 Friday - Sunday

District 21 Convention
Hilton Hotel, Stockton

JULY

1-5 Wednesday - Sunday

AHEPA Supreme Convention
San Francisco Hyatt Regency, Embarcadero

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DISTRICT # 21 HOSTS THE WESTERN REGIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

by William L. Anton, Lt. Governor

It's amazing how this great event actually got started. A small group of AHEPANS from different Districts in the West were giving something of this sort a bit of small talk. It was early in the year 2012 when now District Governor #21, Tom Chiarchianis, had approached me with the idea of the two of us getting started on the possibility of making a WRDC a reality. To make this adventure a reality it took two guys with a lot of grit, willingness to work, and no fear of failure bringing this project to fruition. As the project progressed we realized we needed a good woman, as all men do. Well, the District Governor #21 DOP emerged. She was the glue that made up, as Brother Marudas of Dist.20 said, "THE MAGICAL THREE". Yes, that being Tom, Kathy, and Me; Kathy Leles, our fine sister and friend for life. Twenty two months after getting the ball rolling, The First Great WRDC was on a roll in Reno. June 19th thru June 21st, A CONVENTION TO REMEMBER!!

The wonderful accommodations were provided by the Atlantis Casino and Spa. Meeting rooms and all of the other amenities were far above reproach. Our list of honored guests included His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Ahepa Supreme President, Anthony Kouzounis, Vice President Phillip Frangos, and Governor Region 8, George Booras. Members of the DOP Grand Lodge, Vice President, Anne-Helene Grossomanides, Grand Secretary, Connie Pilallis, Grand Governors, Kathryn Tripodis and Diane Petersen, Sons of Pericles Supreme President, John Ververis, and Maids of Athena Grand President, Angela Armstrong. We also were blessed with many District Governors, Chapter Presidents and their board members.

Our events were just that, Eventful! Welcome night was a packed house, allowing all that attended the opportunity to meet and greet, match faces with names and phone conversations, and start the strong Western Region Ahepa Family.

Chapter #281 and DOP Chapter #89, our Reno brothers and sisters, put on a Glendi unsurpassed. The main attraction was: The food, The Dance, and His Eminence, with his serious side and humor together. This evening was a tremendous success and the WRDC

Board, says THANK YOU, GREAT JOB!!

The Scholarship Luncheon: Mary Gavrilis D-21 Brent Noyes D-20

The program was accomplished and presented in such a professional manner; the best I have seen in years. The job of our two chairpersons was outstanding, the chefs out did themselves with a fine display of food. When I thought this had to be the end as what else could they possibly do???? Constantine Pappas surprised us all. From the back of the room came a loud and wonderful voice, a singing performance that set the luncheon upside down. What a great ending to a fantastic afternoon.

The Gala Banquet: William L. Anton D-21

I truly feel the banquet was a tremendous fete fitting a wonderful ending to a great convention. It was gratifying to see all of the participants with smiles and happy faces, at the conclusion of our 22 months of work and planning. Looking over the brothers and sisters I had just met, and the feeling of accomplishment we had achieved as a group, I realized what an honor and privilege it was to MC the first program and making people laugh. However, that was not all—I BROUGHT THE BOY BACK!! No way was the Scholarship luncheon going to outdo the Banquet. He brought the house down twice in one day, we all loved him.

Those that attended, you experienced a wonderful time. Those that did not attend, you missed a great time.

Speaking for Tom, Kathy, and myself, we truly want you to understand that all of our efforts during the planning and finishing touches were very gratifying. We enjoyed chairing the first WRDC and every moment it took to complete the task.

I couldn't seem to find the proper words to close my article. I found them in the Convention Album. (By Kathy Leles)

A special thank you is extended to all the Brothers and Sisters in Districts 17, 20, 21, and 22 for the many hours they worked to prepare for this convention. The Regional Convention could not have happened without you!

Convention photo highlights on next page



Convention Co-Chairmen: District Governors Tom Chiarchianis & Katy Leles, Lt. Governor William Anton



Regional District Convention Reno, Nevada

Pauline Cazanis won the Samsung tablet which was raffled off in Reno at the Grand Banquet. The Daughters of Penelope raised \$11,226.41 for scholarships.







Regional District Convention Reno, Nevada . . . The End

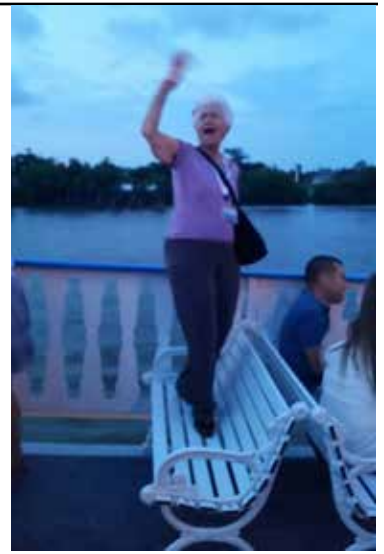




2014 Supreme Convention New Orleans, Louisiana







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Fresno Ahepa Chapter #151

by *Chris E. Rockas, PSC,*

What can anyone say about the four Districts Regional Convention held in Reno, Nevada, on June 19th through June 21st at the ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT and SPA but **"SENSATIONAL."** It was better than most of our National Conventions. Some said it couldn't be done; however, the leadership of District #21 composed of District Governor TOM CHIARCHANIS, DOP District Governor Kathy Leles and District and Lt. Governor Bill Anton came through like troopers. That they are!

Fresno Chapter sent delegates comprised of PDG Bob Sexton, PDG Bill Booras, PDG Chris E. Rockas, Chapter President Michael Makredes, Past Chapter President George Gianopulos, members Tony Kocolas and Andrew Mastoras - Fresno was well represented.

Sister Eleni A. Rockas of Fresno Leto Chapter #171 and I were able to sell seventy five (75) DVDs titled "OUR GREEK HERITAGE: THE GREEK FOUNDATION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION." We personally wish to thank each and everyone who donated \$20.00 and received a DVD. Every person of American-Greek or Greek-American Heritage should have a copy of this DVD in their respective homes, Look at; show it to your families; show it to your relatives and friends -- then donate it to your nearest high school, college and/or university--you can become an ambassador for HELLENISM.

Brothers Robert Sexton, Bill Booras and Chris Rockas represented Fresno Ahepa Chapter at the National Convention held in New Orleans the week of July 21, 2014. The National Convention left much to be desired. The attendance was down; the Ahepa business meetings were a drag. The only bright spot was the election of Robert Sexton Supreme Governor of Region 8. The social activities were good especially sailing up and down the Mississippi River.

When we came back from the National Convention, a **BIG SURPRISE** awaited us!!!! Marysville Chapter surprised our Hellenism Project with a donation of \$2,000.00 which gives us a shot in the arm on the production of DVD #2 which is being worked on as we speak. Many thanks to our Marysville Brothers!!

Your support of our Hellenism Project individually and as a District has been exemplary and we, who work on the project, appreciate it --"THANK YOU."

San Jose Daphne Chapter #29

Dr. Anastasios S. Photopoulos, son of Dr. Sam and Cathy Photopoulos (President of Daphne Chapter) graduated from Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco California. He then practiced Dentistry with his father for 3 years. He decided to continue his education and we are proud to announce that he graduated from Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, where he completed a 3 year Graduate Program in Endodontics.

He received a Masters in Oral Biology and Advanced Specialty Degree in Endodontics MMSC His new title is Dr. Anastasios S. Photopoulos DDS,MMSC.

He joined Dr. James R. Jespersen Endodontic Dental Practice in Santa Clara this past July.



Dr. Sam and Kathy Photopoulos with son Dr. Anastasios



Harvard Faculty Club Graduation Dinner in honor of Dr. Anastasios S. Photopoulos with Professor Dr. Pagonis & the Photopoulos family

San Francisco AHEPA Family News

by Marion Parashis

Ahepa Family and Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to Father Aris, to all our Fathers, Brothers, Godfathers, Godsons, Uncles, and last but certainly not least to all our Pappous! By the time this message is printed the day will be past, but in our Holy Trinity Orthodox Community not forgotten. Sunday, June 15, 2014 (as an aside, my youngest daughter's 1st year wedding anniversary, but who's counting?) is not only a great Father's Day but also a memorable Ahepan Family Celebration at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church! My Sister and President Elaine Makras of EOS#1, San Francisco, and my Brother and President Elias Tsiknis of the Ahepan Golden Gate Chapter #150, also of San Francisco, presented to Father Aris a generous donation of \$1000.00 from the proceeds of our Ahepan Family Agapi Dinner held at the Holy Trinity Church Hall this last April 24, 2014. Agapi means "Love", and all of our Brothers and Sisters in our inspirational, philanthropic



Ahepan Family know how to support, celebrate, cherish, honor and of course, LOVE in a meaningful way. Our National Organization is without exception THE "BESTEST" OF THE BEST! This year our Grand Supreme Convention is held in New Orleans, and next year "SAN FRANCISCO, HERE WE COME!" Again, Happy BELATED Father's Day, a heartfelt thank you to Father Aris for our Agapi Dinner celebration at Holy Trinity, and a grateful thank you to our very generous, beautiful Ahepan Family! EVERYONE IS PRECIOUS! EVERYONE IS UNIQUE!

2014 Western Regional Convention, Reno

This San Francisco Family of Daughters and Ahepans know how to unite, confer, and celebrate and at the same time show loyalty and support of one another. Looking at the display of beautiful pictures tells more than words can totally describe. "People" make the success or failure of a conference or a convention. In this instance, this 82nd Annual District Convention was one of the BEST! EOS#1 can be applauded for having so much representation with their Chapter's Delegates, Alternates, and Guests totaling 12 and their Brother Ahepans, an addition of 5 more. EOS#1's President Elaine Makras, Sisters Lillian Anagnostou, Ackie Argyres, Annette Chiappari, Mary Chicos, Anne Jouganatos, May Kireopoulos, Vaso Moulas, Marion Parashis, Eva Skoufis, Christie Tsiplakos, and Foula Vasilogiorgis along with their Brother Ahepans: President Elias Tsiknis, Sam Chicos, Jim Dariotes, Peter Kireopoulos, and Jim Tsiplakos were in attendance. The Marketplace on Thursday was fun with Sisters Elaine Makras and Marion Parashis trying to sell the Chapter's Chico Bags. Both Sisters were so determined to sell that they started selling to their Brothers from the Golden Gate Chapter #150. Pete Kireopoulos and Sam Chicos had to buy, because their Sisters wouldn't take "no" for an answer. Laughter could be heard throughout the room. Glendi Night held on Friday, June 20, 2014, was hysterical! One table held 15 Brothers and Sisters, because no one was "left behind". Maybe the school districts with "no child left behind" should look at our example of what to do and model after us. Chairs were brought and stuffed into a small table and all fit! To make this situation even more unique, Brother Jim Tsiplakos went to his car and transported figs and plums to this bulging table for all to enjoy from his harvest in Napa Valley. Now, that's Love and that's our Brother! Saturday's Scholarship Luncheon and Saturday's Evening Banquet were no exception. However, on these two educational and formal respective affairs, our Brothers and Sisters occupied three tables. Camaraderie was noted and laughter could be heard, and if laughter is the "best medicine", than all attending were in terrific health! I have no doubt in our future, EOS#1 and Golden Gate Pacific #150 will continue to display the beliefs they hold dear to their hearts, and one being LOYALTY. A very special heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS is bestowed upon Sisters Vaso Moulas and Foula Vasilogiorgis for being nominated and elected on the District 21 Lodge! Two Sisters from EOS#1 and we are so proud! My personal thank you to all my Sisters and Brothers for such an educational and wonderful weekend! May there be future District Conventions with the same success!

See convention photos on following page



EOS #1 Attends Supreme Convention

by Marion Parashis

San Francisco EOS#1 President Elaine Makras and her Sisters Ackie Argyres, Annette Chiappari, Yvonne Chiappari, Vaso Moulas, Marion Parashis, and Eva Skoufis renewed friendships with many other Sisters in the Nation by attending the 2014 New Orleans Supreme Convention. Awesome! Outstanding! Heartwarming! Inspirational? You had better believe it!

Attending the meetings and working on the individual committees by day was rewarding, because so much was accomplished for this beautiful Sisterhood of the Daughters of Penelope. A new Grand Lodge to lead us in this next year was elected. However, when the sun went down and the moon became bright, EOS#1 came out to play! Sister Marion Parashis' daughter Suzanne and hubby Jack Becton from New York joined the Sisters and introduced them to Pat O'Briens off Bourbon Street, a historical landmark serving Hurricanes, to start their weeklong activities. EOS#1 danced the night away with Greek music. Yes! At an Irish establishment the Sisters requested GREEK! AND, they got it! For the entire rest of the week by nightfall, New Orleans and Bourbon Street lost many beads to Sisters Elaine, Ackie, Annette, Yvonne, Vaso, Marion and Eva. It may be Never on Sunday for the World, but it will always be remembered as Keep the Greeks on Bourbon Street in New Orleans! EOS#1 thrives on the camaraderie, the love and support, and the unique bonding they have for each other. "Live, Love, Laugh" can be seen throughout New Orleans! EOS#1 lives, loves, and continues to laugh! They are an ultimate inspiration not only for each other but as a Mother Lodge, they also are an example for all the Chapters of this Sisterhood of this awesome Nation!



Phillip T. Frangos Elected Supreme President

Michigan Native Runs Uncontested



NEW ORLEANS, LA - The delegates of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the nation's millions of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes, elected Phillip T. Frangos, East Lansing, Mich., as their supreme president at the 92nd Annual

Supreme Convention, New Orleans, La. Frangos ran unopposed in elections that were held Friday, July 25, 2014. Formal installation ceremonies were held Saturday, July 26, 2014.

"It is an honor and privilege to be elected AHEPA supreme president," Supreme President Frangos said. "It is with humility that I undertake the responsibilities of this office. I thank those who have mentored me, supported me, inspired me, and tutored me over the many years that I have been a member of an organization which carries the torch of Hellenism.

He added, "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 for AHEPA. 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."

Frangos is a member of Wolverine Chapter 142, Lansing, Mich. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including most recently supreme vice president and all offices at the district and chapter levels. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees in the late-1980s. As supreme president, Frangos's 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 2014-2015

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



The 2014-15 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Canadian President Kenneth N. Matziorinis, Supreme Vice President John Galanis, Supreme Secretary Andrew Zachariades, Supreme Treasurer Tom Gober, Supreme Counselor Gregory Stamos, Supreme Athletic Director Louis G. Atsaves, and Sons of Pericles National Advisor James Kokotas.

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Elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were: Nicholas Karacostas and Vassos Chrysanthou. Karacostas, who is a past supreme president, was re-elected to his second term on the board.

AHEPA Family Elections

The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family also held elections. Anna-Helene Grossomanides was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; Jimmy Googas, was elected Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Deanna Socaris was elected Maids of Athena Grand President.

Saturday's Installation Ceremony of newly-elected officers officially concluded the 92nd AHEPA Supreme Convention, which began Monday, July 21.

The 2015 Supreme Convention will convene in San Francisco, Calif.

Grossomanides Elected Grand President of Daughters of Penelope

Brooklyn, N.Y. Native, Educator Tapped to Lead DOP



WASHINGTON (July 29, 2014)—Convention delegates of the Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women's organization, elected Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Westerly, R.I., Grand President for the 2014-2015 administrative year. Elections were held July 25, 2014 at the 92nd Annual AHEPA Supreme

Convention, New Orleans, La.

"It is an honor and a great thrill to be elected Grand President," said Grossomanides, who retains membership in her "hometown" chapter, Demetra Chapter 33, Brooklyn, N.Y. "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."

Grossomanides, a member of the Daughters of Penelope for 24 years, has served all major positions at national, district, and chapter levels within the organization, including two terms as Grand Vice-President (2012-14) and all offices at the Grand Lodge level. She was also an active member of the Maids of Athena, serving on the District 6 Lodge.

"The Daughters of Penelope provides invaluable opportunities for women to make significant contributions to their country and to their communities," Grossomanides said. "I am grateful for the opportunities the organization have provided me, and I want to ensure those opportunities are afforded to future generations of women for years to come."

The newly-elected grand president was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is a graduate of Saint Joseph's College (Brooklyn, N.Y.) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and Communication, and she has earned a Master's degree in Education from Brooklyn College.

Grand President Grossomanides has been an educator for more than 20 years, teaching Middle School (Science) in NYC Public Schools and Elementary School (Multi-Subjects). She has served in administrative positions in Greek Orthodox Parochial Schools in New York City. Currently, Grossomanides is a substitute in the Westerly, R.I. Public School System and Stonington, Conn. School System.

In 2012, Grossomanides married then AHEPA Supreme President John Grossomanides and moved to Westerly,

R.I. There, she is active in community organizations. She is a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Norwich, R.I. and serves on the Parish Council and sings in the Choir. Also, Anna-Helene and John are members in Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Brooklyn.

Anna-Helene is the daughter of the late Evangelos Panagakos and Stella Panagakos. Both parents emigrated from Laconia, Greece. She has one brother, James, and comes from a large extended family.

2014-2015 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge

Elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge were: Grand Vice President Connie Pilallis, Boca Raton, Fla.; Canadian President Christina Andrews, Edmonton, Alb., Canada; Grand Secretary Jan Spanos, Sacramento, Calif.; Grand Treasurer Eva Jean Fomalont, Albuquerque, N.M.; Grand Governor Zone I Julia Collins, North Babylon, N.Y.; Grand Governor Zone II Aspa Kostopoulos, Ontario, Canada; Grand Governor Zone III Anne-Marie Cariotis, Dallas, Texas; Grand Governor Zone IV Diane Petersen, Elk Grove, Calif.; and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena, Christine Bullock, Albuquerque, N.M.



In Photo Left to Right: Top Row - Grand Advisor to the MOA Christine Bullock, Grand Governor Zone IV Diane Petersen, Grand Governor Zone III Anne-Marie Cariotis, Grand Governor Zone II Aspa Kostopoulos and Grand Governor Zone I Julia Collins.

Left to Right: Bottom Row - Grand Treasurer Eva Jean Fomalont, Canadian President Christina Andrews, Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Grand Vice President Connie Pilallis and Grand Secretary Jan Spanos.

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

Grossomanides' theme for the administrative year is "Inspire." 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.

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