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## Golden Gate District 21 Convention

### Anton and Kennedy elected Golden Gate District 21 Governors



William L. Anton was elected Order of Ahepa Golden Gate District 21 Governor at the 83rd Annual Golden Gate District #21 Convention held this past June in Stockton, California. Anton is a member of Oakland Chapter #171 and served the past two years as AHEPA Golden Gate District #21 Lt. Governor.

Beverly Kennedy, elected Daughters of Penelope District Governor, is a member of Phaedra #64 of Modesto. Beverly served as District #21 Lt. Governor of the Daughters of Penelope this past year.

Congratulations and best wishes to Brother Bill and Sister Beverly on their journey in 2015-2016.

*Please read their messages on pages 3 and 4.*

## Supreme Convention - San Francisco

**John W. Galanis** - *Elected Supreme President*

**Connie Pilallis** - *Elected Grand President*

**Andreas Christou** - *Elected Supreme President SOP*

**Deanna Socaris** - *Re-Elected Grand President MOA*

## Elected members from District #21 - Congratulations!

**Jan Spanos** - *Elected DOP Grand Vice President*

**Diane Peterson** - *Elected Grand Treasurer*

Sisters Jan and Diane are members of the Daughters of Penelope Artemis #5 Chapter of Sacramento, California.

## GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

9:30 AM

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Hosted by the San Jose Ahepa Family

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Visitations and District Events*

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## Greetings from the new District Governor . . .



A new beginning...my thanks to my fellow Ahepans for entrusting me with the leadership as Governor of District #21.

I must congratulate Brother Tom Chiarchianis and Sister Kathy Leles for the magnificent job they performed as District Governors the past two years.

As the Lt. Governor, Tom came to me with the request that I join him in chairing the First WRDC. With that set in motion, I must thank our previous lodge members of Ahepa and DOP for the tremendous help rendered during our successful WRDC in Reno. A past district governor of district #20 said from the podium, "we were the magnificent three." Tom, Kathy, and me. The truth is it took a fantastic team of Ahepans and Daughters to make it work. Yes, the Team!! They said it couldn't be done, but you judge for yourself. I am proud of all of you for the great job. District #21 is the best and will remain the BEST!

We (the district) are starting another task that looked impossible. Brother Tom was the self appointed chairman of the project: The Saint Nicholas Ranch Ahepa dormitory reconstruction. I chose to leave him at that position and as always he has surpassed all expectations. What a guy!

Phase #1 will start Oct. 15th. This is a \$47 thousand dollar phase. We have \$45K on hand to start. Phase 2 and 3 will follow at approximately the same cost. The first three phases are sleeping quarters with restrooms and showers, and Phase 4 will follow with the reconstruction of the conference room. We are doing fund raisers throughout the district and more help is needed. To all who have donated to date, a special thank you

The District Conference is being held on Saturday, October 31st in San Jose. Look for flyer in this issue for all the information.

We will have the normal visitations and our schedule is posted in this issue of the Traveler. The list of the new district lodge officers for Ahepa and DOP are in the front section of this issue. We are here for you, give us a call.

Tom closed his final message with this: He paved the way for better things to happen and the best is yet to come. Now it is our time to move forward.

Fraternally;

**William L. Anton**

District 21 Governor

## 2015-2016 District Visitation and Event Schedule



### District Lodge Visitations

|     |        |  |
|-----|--------|--|
| WED | OCT 07 | <b>San Francisco</b> – AHEPA 150 and EOS 1   |
| SAT | OCT 3  | <b>Reno</b> – AHEPA 281 and Elis 89  |
| SAT | OCT 17 | <b>Fresno</b> – AHEPA 151 and Leto 71  |
| SAT | OCT 31 | <b>San Jose</b> – AHEPA 251 and Daphne 29 in conjunction with Fall Conference                                  |
| TUE | NOV 17 | <b>Modesto and Stockton</b> – AHEPA 246, Phaedra 64, AHEPA 212, and Sparta 18                                  |
| THU | NOV 19 | <b>San Mateo</b> – AHEPA 392 and Urania 290  |
| SAT | JAN 09 | <b>Oakland, Walnut Creek and Vallejo</b> – AHEPA 171, Echo 4, AHEPA 259, Harmonia 367, AHEPA 217 & Maeonia 273 |
| SAT | JAN 23 | <b>Sacramento</b> – AHEPA 153 and Artemis 5  |

### Up Coming Events - Mark your Calendars!

#### Fall Conference

Saturday, October 31 - San Jose  
(See flyer on page 7)

#### Founder's Day Luncheon

November 7, 2015  
Brotherhood Masonic Center  
855 Brotherhood Way • San Francisco

#### Sisterhood Conference

Date and Location TBA

### 2016 Western Regional District Convention

June 23 – 25, 2016  
DoubleTree by Hilton • Anaheim, CA  
Districts 17, 20, 21 and 22  
(See details in flyer on page 10)

### 2016 National Supreme Convention

July 24 – 30, 2016  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## ***Daughters of Penelope District Governor's Message – LUCK AND TIMING***



Thinking about this first message to my Sisters and the AHEPA Family, it occurred to me that luck and timing often lands us in unexpected places.

Luck came my way in 2001 when I was buying a home in Modesto and was introduced to Byron and Mary Gavrilis who were buying the house that adjoins my back yard. In the blink of an eye, I was enfolded into the Modesto Greek community ... enjoying AHEPA Crab Fests, working the Greek Food Festival, attending Bible Study at Annunciation Church, and learning about the Daughters of Penelope Phaedra 64 Chapter which I joined in 2009. I now enjoy a large circle of friends, the majority of Greek origin, and some have suggested appending "adakis" or "opoulos" to my last name.

Timing also played a part when Sister Kathy Leles lured me onto the Lodge as District Secretary at the 2013 Convention that was hosted by our Modesto AHEPA Family chapters. Serving on the Lodge for the past two years has been an incredibly rewarding and growing experience, allowing me to meet so many dedicated Daughters and Ahepans and to expand the circle of friends even further. Little did I ever imagine that the road from Modesto would lead to District Governor. I am gratified and humbled that you have placed your trust in me; and you have my solemn promise that I will do all in my power to prove worthy of your trust.

I am pleased to announce the 2015-16 District Lodge and know they will serve with honor and commitment. Elected at our convention in Stockton were: Foula Vasilogiorgis, Lt. Governor – Mary Gavrilis, Secretary – Cat Andrews, Treasurer – Vassiliki Moulas, Marshal – and Kathy Leles, PDG and D 21 Advisor. Mary Gavrilis will continue as District 21 Scholarship Chairman.

I would also like to commend Kathy Leles for serving with distinction during her past two years as District Governor and for her outstanding efforts in starting the Stockton chapter of Maids of Athena. Serving as District 21 MOA Advisor, Kathy will strive to continue that groundbreaking effort and open additional MOA chapters throughout northern California. She will be a hard act to follow!

Congratulations are also in order to newly-elected AHEPA District Governor Bill Anton and the District Lodge. We have pledged to work closely and in harmony with our Brothers to strengthen and expand the AHEPA Family of District 21.

I am delighted to congratulate two very deserving members of our order: Marion Parashis of EOS1, San Francisco is our 2015 District Penelope of the Year and Paulette Rishard of Sparta 18, Stockton is our District Daughter of the Year. Your many contributions and tireless efforts on behalf of your Chapters, District and the Sisterhood have been recognized and are truly appreciated. Sisters Marion and Paulette will be honored at our Fall Conference in October.

The Supreme Convention held in July in San Francisco was well attended by Daughters from throughout our District. We applaud all newly-elected members of the Grand Lodge: Connie Pilallis, Grand President – Jan Spanos, Grand Vice President – Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand Secretary – Diane Petersen, Grand Treasurer – Grand Governors: Lili Respass Zone 1 – Dorothea Williams Zone 2 – Kathy Papadimitropoulos Zone 3 – Katherine Karafotias Zone 4 / D 21 Advisor -- Aspa Kostopoulos Zone 5 – and Kathy Zotos, Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena. We are proud to have two members from our District serving on the Grand Lodge and know that Jan and Diane will work tirelessly for the Good of the Order! We also congratulate Brother John Galanis, the newly-elected AHEPA Supreme President and all members of the Supreme Lodge.

Our visitation schedule has been planned and your District Lodge is looking forward to productive and enjoyable meetings with all Chapters. We hope to see a large turnout on October 31 at the Fall Conference being hosted by the San Jose AHEPA Family. EOS1 will be holding their annual Founder's Day luncheon on November 7. Those of you who attended the first Western Region District Convention last year in Reno experienced firsthand an opportunity to meet with AHEPA Family members from throughout the western states. The opportunity returns in 2016 when the second WRDC will be held June 22-26 in Anaheim CA, less than a mile away from Disneyland. It is being hosted by District 20 with strong support from Districts 17, 21 and 22. You won't want to miss this one! The 2016 AHEPA Family Supreme Convention will be held July 24-30 in Las Vegas NV.

Nearly 86 years have passed since our visionary founder Alexandra Apostolides formed EOS Chapter 1 in San Francisco. I believe that today she would be astounded by the number of lives world-wide that have been saved, changed and enriched by the Daughters of Penelope and the AHEPA Family. I look forward to working with all of you to further her vision and good work. The participation of every member is vital to our continued success; and your ideas and suggestions will be welcomed.

In Theta Pi,

**Bev Kennedy**

District Governor



# *Photos from the 2015 Supreme Convention San Francisco*

*Next page too!*







ORDER OF AHEPA  
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE  
GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21



**FALL CONFERENCE**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015**

**HOSTED BY THE SAN JOSE AHEPA FAMILY**



ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
SMALL HALL

1260 DAVIS STREET - SAN JOSE

WELCOME/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ..... 9:30AM  
COMBINED AHEPA & DAUGHTERS MEETING..... 10:30AM  
LUNCHEON ..... 12:00PM  
INDIVIDUAL AHEPA & DAUGHTERS MEETING ..... 1:00PM  
ADJOURN ..... ABOUT 4:00PM

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## Galanis Elected Supreme President

### Wisconsin Native Runs Uncontested



The delegates of the AHEPA elected John W. Galanis, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, as their supreme president at the 93rd Annual Supreme Convention, San Francisco, California. Galanis ran unopposed in elections that were held July 3, 2015. Formal installation ceremonies were held July 4, 2015.

"It is an honor and privilege to be elected AHEPA supreme president,"

Supreme President Galanis said. "My sincere appreciation is given to the convention delegates who placed their support and trust in me to lead this vibrant, venerable, and unique organization in the coming year. I am excited to work with our seasoned Supreme Lodge and our membership to keep AHEPA on the steady path set forth by my predecessors in a spirit true to our mission."

He added, "My parents were Greek immigrants, and I'm proud of my heritage and that is why I'm a member of AHEPA."

At the installation ceremony, the supreme president also discussed his goals and challenges.

"Obviously, our immediate thoughts and concerns are with the people of Greece during this most difficult and challenge time in Greece's history," he said. "Also, we aim to complete our capital fundraising campaign to help rebuild Saint Nicholas and focus our internal efforts on membership growth and retention. In addition, the community continues to face a multitude of challenges that are important to address as the need for community service is never ending, both in the United States and abroad, and the promotion of Hellenic ideals will always be a priority for AHEPA."

Galanis is a 47 year member of Chapter 43, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including most recently supreme vice president and on the Board of Trustees. As supreme president, Galanis' 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.

The Supreme President is a founding partner of Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., a Milwaukee-based law firm. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He also attended the London School of Economics. Galanis has served as president of several community and charitable organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Milwaukee and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

Galanis and his wife, Patricia, are members of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Milwaukee, and have four children

and several grandchildren. Galanis is an Archon of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle - Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

### Election of AHEPA Leadership for 2015-2016



2015-16 Supreme Lodge (l-r): Fotis, Joannides, Kalantzis, Kokotas, Hollister, Gober, Zachariades, Gallis, Galanis, Kirkiles, Matziorinis, Atsaves, Loucas, Papadopoulos, Stasios, and Horiates.

The 2015-16 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Canadian President Kenneth N. Matziorinis, Pierrefonds, Quebec; Supreme Vice President Andrew C. Zachariades, Brick, N.J.; Supreme Secretary George E. Loucas, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio; Supreme Treasurer Carl Hollister, Mason, Ohio; Supreme Counselor George G. Horiates, Esq., Moorestown, N.J.; Supreme Athletic Director Louis G. Atsaves, Lake Forest, Ill.; and Sons of Pericles National Advisor James Kokotas, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The eight Supreme Governors are: Region I: Demetrios C. Kirkiles, Esq., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Region II: James Stasios, Wilmington, N.C.; Region III: Christopher Gallis, Flushing, N.Y.; Region IV: Frank P. Fotis, Lexington, Mass.; Region V: George L. Kalantzis, Canton, Ohio; Region VI: Tom Gober, Region VII: Timothy Joannides, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Region VIII: Nick Perdaris, Van Nuys, California; and Region X: Nicholas C. Papadopoulos, Voula, Greece.

Elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were: Nick Aroutzidis, London, Ontario; and Lee Millas, Trenton, N.J. Michael Papaphotes, Brooklyn, N.Y., was elected to the Board of Auditors.

### AHEPA Family Elections

The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family also held elections. Connie Pilallis, Boca Raton, Fla., was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; Andreas Christou, Albany, N.Y., was elected Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Deanna Socaris, Albany, N.Y., was elected to a second term as Maids of Athena Grand President.

Saturday's Installation Ceremony of newly-elected officers officially concluded the 93rd AHEPA Supreme Convention, which began Tuesday, June 30.

The 2015 Supreme Convention will convene in Las Vegas, Nev., July 24 to 30.

## Pilallis Elected Grand President Daughters of Penelope



The delegates of the Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope elected Connie Pilallis, Boca Raton, Fla., Grand President for the 2015-2016 administrative year. Elections were held July 4, 2015 at the 93rd Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention, San Francisco, Calif.

"It is an honor and a great thrill to be elected Grand President," Pilallis, who is a member of Cassandra Chapter No. 372, said. "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."

Pilallis, a 25-year DOP member, has served all major positions within the organization at the national, district, and chapter levels.

"The Daughters of Penelope provides invaluable opportunities for women to make significant contributions to their country and to their communities," Pilallis 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 Philadelphia, Pa. She moved to Boca Raton, Fla., in 1990 with her two children, Anthony and Stacie. She is also a proud Yiayia to Pierceson, Chase, and Jalyn, who live in Dallas, Texas.

Professionally, Grand President Pilallis is an executive who handles negotiations and all personal and business financial matters for a private property investor for nearly 25 years.

In the community, Grand President Pilallis has served on the Broward County Professional Business Woman's Club (BPW), was a charter member of Zone International of Greater Deerfield Beach, Fla., and has chaired several committees at her church, Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church. In addition, she was named Soroptimist International Woman of Distinction in Boca Raton, Fla.,

in 2012.

### 2015-2016 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge

In addition to Grand President Pilallis, the following individuals were elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge: Grand Vice President Jan Spanos of Sacramento, Calif.; Grand Secretary Eva Jean Fomalont of Albuquerque, N.M.; Grand Treasurer Diane Petersen of Sacramento, Calif.; Grand Governor Zone I Lili Respass of Worcester, Mass.; Grand Governor Zone II Dorothea Willams of Saint Claire Shores, Mich.; Grand Governor Zone III Kathy Papadimitropoulos of Aurora, Colo.; Grand Governor Zone IV Katherine Karafotias of Portland, Ore.; Grand Governor Zone V Aspa Kostopoulos of Ontario, Canada; and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Kathy Zotos of Munster, Ind.



In Photo Left to Right: Back Row - Grand MOA Advisor Kathy Zotos, Grand Governor Zone IV Katherine Karafotias, Grand Governor Zone V Aspa Kostopoulos, Grand Governor Zone III Katherine Papadimitropoulos, and Grand Governor Zone II Lili Respass.

Left to Right: Front Row - Grand Treasurer Diane Petersen, Grand President Connie Pilallis, Grand Vice President Jan Spanos, and Grand Secretary Eva Jean Fomalont.

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

Pilallis' theme for the administrative year is "Renew." 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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- **Special Events**

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- **South Coast Plaza**
- **SoCal Beaches**

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**More**



## — *An Invitation* —

Governor Bill Anton has deep racetrack connections. That being said how many within District 21 would like to have a day at the races? The day is usually \$75.00, all inclusive. Buffet, turf club, entrance fee, programs and valet parking. Our price will be \$35.00. Once I receive a total of 20 or more I will set a date and we can have a fantastic day. Usually Saturday is the best for this event.

Don't delay, this offer is sent to me by my friends at Golden Gate Fields.

Offer is open to your friends and family also. AHEPA has a good name at Golden Gate Fields, after all I trained there for 40 plus years.

Fraternally,

William L. Anton  
District Governor District #21  
925-858-5441



## **AHEPA Campaign to Build Saint Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center**

September 11 was a national tragedy that forever changed America. Nearly 3,000 lives were lost; 39 of who were Greek Americans. Also lost that fateful day was the only House of Worship destroyed by the 9/11 attacks Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

The effort to rebuild Saint Nicholas was mired in bureaucracy. AHEPA's "Cut the Red Tape!" campaign proved effective in helping to budge the bureaucracy of the New York/New Jersey Port Authority to allow for the construction of Saint Nicholas at Ground Zero.

Now the time has come to build the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center. AHEPA and its affiliated organizations, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athena, will support the campaign to build the Saint Nicholas National Shrine by raising funds during the next two years.



## AHEPA VETERANS REGISTRATION

*AHEPA Medal for Military Service is awarded to all veterans in Honor of their service to the United States.*

“The Mission of the Order of AHEPA Veterans Committee is to archive and recognize all veterans of the Order and Hellenic community through sound communication and publication. Furthermore, to conduct fund raising and philanthropic outreach through a cohesive, limited, yet well defined activity that reflects well on the Order of AHEPA and brings credit to the organization at large.”

The AHEPA Medal for Military Service, approved by the 106th Congress, was presented to all AHEPA veterans present at the 34th Biennial Congressional Banquet, March 29, 2000. The Supreme Lodge then encouraged its districts and chapters to present this medal to its deserving veterans unable to attend this banquet. It is this committee’s intent to register AHEPA Veterans and have the AHEPA Medal presented at appropriate events at the District and Chapter levels. Funds collected through this effort cover medal production and other administrative costs to include shipping. Remaining proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Program annually.

Eligibility requirement for AHEPA Medal for Military Service includes Honorable Service and Discharge. Service includes Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve status of the United States Armed Forces. REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.AHEPA.ORG](http://WWW.AHEPA.ORG). File a copy with your chapter Secretary after registration is complete. Medals are normally shipped in the fall and in time for Veteran’s Day celebrations in November.



### *AHEPA Supports Military Family*

#### *Reading Program Through The USO!*

*AHEPA National President Dr. John Grossomanides announced the organization's support of military families by selecting the United Through Reading? Military Program as a national service project, working in cooperation with the United Services Organization (USO). United Through Reading is a program that enables service members to video record themselves reading books to their children back home and provides a DVD of the recording and a copy of the book to the child.*

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## AHEPA Headquarters News

### AHEPA Participates at White House Discussion on Greece

#### Executive Director Meets with Treasury Department Official

WASHINGTON, DC -- The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the nation's millions of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes, applauds the Obama Administration's outreach to the American Hellenic community with a discussion the administration held on Greece, August 6, 2015, at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, announced Supreme President John W. Galanis.

"AHEPA sincerely appreciates the high level of engagement by United States government officials to address the crisis in Greece and its outreach to Capitol Hill and the community on the crisis," Galanis said. "We found the discussion to be straightforward, insightful, and substantive, and the community came together to provide its thoughts and ideas on how to help Greece. AHEPA looks forward to continued discussions and stands ready to assist with the implementation of any sustainable, concrete opportunities or solutions for Greece and its people that may materialize."

According to Galanis, AHEPA raised possible policy suggestions to assist with the tourism sector and humanitarian efforts. In addition, AHEPA conveyed it was encouraged to learn about certain issue areas the administration is looking to address, in particular, migration and technical assistance to Greece.

#### Executive Director Mossaidis at Treasury Department.

### Meeting with Treasury Department

Also this week, Executive Director Basil Mossaidis met with Lea Bouzis, director, International Affairs Office of Europe & Eurasia, U.S. Department of the Treasury, to convey in person the community's appreciation for the efforts of Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew on Greece's debt crisis. The August 5 meeting was a follow-up to a July 17, 2015 letter Supreme President John Galanis sent to Secretary Lew on the situation in Greece.

"We thank Director Bouzis for the generous amount of time she afforded us to talk about the situation in Greece," Mossaidis said. "It was an informative meeting, and we look forward to maintaining dialogue with Treasury on Greece's debt crisis."

### Background

AHEPA embarked on a campaign to provide humanitarian assistance to Greece since 2012. As part of that campaign:

AHEPA has collaborated with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to secure nine shipping containers of medical supplies which have been delivered all throughout Greece, totaling more than \$6 million in medical supply aid. Each shipping container costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to secure.

A tenth medical supply container is planned to be secured and sent in September.

In March 2013, AHEPA Canada donated a rigid bronchoscope machine valued at 10,000 euros (or approximately \$12,000 Canadian) to Evangelismos Hospital. The rigid bronchoscope is used to prevent lung bleeding while positioning stents in tumors.

More than \$500,000 was donated to Apostoli Mission in Athens to help feed the needy people of Greece.

Moreover, AHEPA's 31 chapters on the ground in Greece are helping their local communities through their own charitable and philanthropic initiatives and programs.

To date, the AHEPA family has raised nearly \$700,000 for humanitarian aid for the people of Greece to secure public health assistance or to help feed those in need.

## EOS #1 - San Francisco

by Stella Kyriakis

Sister Eva Skoufis, chairman of EOS#1's Agapi Dinner held the first Wednesday after Easter, presented Father Aris of Holy Trinity in June, 2015 a donation of \$1000.00! Our Sisters in the Daughters of Penelope EOS #1 are working year round to raise money to benefit our churches, our community, and the world over where there is a need. Dedication and perseverance and inspiration are their daily life style. Thank you to EOS #1, and may we all continue to walk in the path of Christ.



**CONGRATULATIONS, MARION!**



Congratulations to our Holy Trinity's Marion Parashis, Past President of EOS#1, San Francisco Daughters of Penelope, for not only being selected as the year 2015-2016 Chapter Penelope but also winning the second highest honor in the Daughter's Organization as District 21's Penelope! Her lifetime achievements in Church, Education, Community, Government and in the National Organization of the Daughters has earned her Honors and Recognition. In addition, her creative writing and poetry published in the Traveler and in the National Penelopean Scroll has made the AHEPA Family proud! AXIA!

## Fresno Chapter #151 News

by Chris E. Rockas, PSC

Life goes on and so does our Chapter. Within the last calendar year death took the lives of our good brothers - Chris Patropulos, Ted Boosalis, and James Grusis. However, we took into our fold two new brothers - Dr. Theodore Nassar and Talbert Simonian.

On Sunday, May 31, 2015, we celebrated "Ahepa Day." A goodly crowd showed up and we were able to extol the merits and virtues of our Order in hopes of signing up new members. On this day we were honored to have Supreme Governor of Zone 8, Robert Sexton and our newly elected President Michael Gomez MC'd the program.

Also, on this very important day our Chapter honored our perennial secretary, Brother Bill Booras as Chapter "Ahepan of the Year" by presenting him with another wall plaque. Brother Bill was also honored as Golden Gate District #21 "Ahepan of the Year" at our 83rd District Convention.

All of these accolades and awards could not have been given to a better brother who justly deserves them. Bill has retired from secretarial duties, both chapter and district and we wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

The results of our chapter elections held in June 2015 were as follows: Michaela Gomez, President; Michael Stavropoulos, Vice President; Robert Sexton, Secretary; James Boukidis, Treasurer, and Michael Makredes Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Our chapter sent the following delegates to the District Convention - Robert Sexton, George Gianopulos, Bill Booras, Andrew Mastoras and Chris Rockas. George Gianopulos and Chris Rockas were our National Convention delegates.

Our new administration has many plans for the forthcoming year so as to build up enthusiasm in recruiting new membership and also enticing delinquent members to re-join us.

The future of Fresno Ahepa Chapter #151 looks most promising.

*See Fresno photos on next page*



## Modesto Chapter #246 News

by Stamus Cocolos, PP

Modesto Ahepa Chapter 246 hosted a luncheon for the entire church community on Sunday, May 17, 2015 which was recognized as Ahepa Day. On this day the Modesto Ahepa chapter also celebrated its 85th Anniversary as a chapter, chartered on April 5, 1930.

In addition Ahepa presented "Years of Membership Pins" to 25 members who have been members from 15 years to 70 years as follows: 15 Years - Nick Faklis, John Forakis and Steve Grillos. 20 Years - Jeff Brown, and Chris Gianulias. 25 Years - Alex Bazos, Tom Gianopoulos, Nick Korakas, Greg Micheletos, Steve Pallios, Mike Pallios, George Petrulakis and Tony Tsirelas. 35 Years - Kosta Berris, Jim Kocolos, William Kogeones, Stelios Papadopoulos, George Sirogiannis and Efthemios Tzagarakis. 50 Years - George Pallios, Steve Moraitis and Jim Stamos. 55 Years - Alex Klabanos. 70 Years - Ernest Kogeones.

***With sadness, forty days after presenting Ernest Kogeones his 70 year membership pin at his home, he passed peacefully. May his memory be eternal!***

Let us not forget in memory recent life members (50 years or more) of Modesto Ahepa Chapter 246 who have passed since 2000. John Christie, PP; Tony Petrulakis, Gus Pallios, Jim Pavlakis, Jerry Pepelis, Angelo Hillas, Tony Forakis, Harry George and Chris Christie, Sr. PP. May their memory be eternal!



Outgoing President Stamus Cocolos presenting incoming Ahepa Chapter President Dr. Paul Forakis and 55 year membership pin to Alex Klabanos, also and past president and presently chapter treasurer.



Cocolos presenting (left to right) 25 year membership pins to Co-Secretary Nick Korakas, Tony Tsirelas, Past President Alex Bazos, Tom Gianopoulos and Steve Pallios.



Cocolos presenting 50 year membership pin to Jim Stamos.



Group photo of members who attended Ahepa Day event.

## Modesto AHEPA Family Barbecue

July 25, 2015

Home of David and Christina Fisher



## More Modesto AHEPA Family Barbecue

**Kosta Berris (center) received  
Chapter 246 Ahepan of the Year Award**

**Daughters of Penelope Phaedra Chapter Officers 2015-16 (L-R)  
Karen Forakis, President - Vicki Fraioli, Vice President  
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## "Koukla's Corner"

by Andrea Papa



Yasou! Welcome back from summer. Yes, I'm new to AHEPA Traveler. Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Andrea and I'm probably one of the youngest Daughter's of Penelope in District #21 and proud of it. What can I say, I've always gravitated towards wisdom, beauty, and family. Currently

I'm Treasurer, Entertainment Coordinator, and Maids Advisor for Daphne #29 in San Jose. My goal for this column is to give you a window into my life and experience being involved in this amazing organization as the future generation. My hopes are that I inspire all of you to keep going and doing what you do so well.... GIVING! Giving of yourselves for a dream that started over 90 years ago when the AHEPA organization was first started. Look how far we've come. A few months ago I was so excited to receive my 2015 Membership Directory celebrating The Daughters of Penelope's 85th Anniversary. Wow! The book turned out beautiful and I loved all the organized sections especially the networking one. Our own Greek LinkedIn on paper, so cool. I must say I was very proud to see my picture and blurb in this book. Being a Maid and now Daughter has helped shape me into the woman I am today in so many positive ways. As we come back together this Fall let's take a moment to take in all we've accomplished and think about what being an Ahepan or a Daughter means to us. Cheers to Fall! Let the giving and festivities begin. Filakia!

## San Jose AHEPA Family

Welcome Back! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation and is nice and rested. This is a big year for our local chapters. Silicon Valley #251 is celebrating their 85th anniversary and Daphne #29 is celebrating their 80th anniversary. A double milestone! Stay tuned, plans are in the making for an Anniversary Celebration and we would love for all of you to be there. In the meantime we have many things to look forward to as we regroup. The Fall District Conference will be held on Halloween this year. It's going to be Spooktacular! hehe! We promise to get you home in time to see the kiddies all dressed up, but let's have

some fun and get dressed up too. Do I hear costume contest? November is quiet. Then things get exciting again come December. This year we've decided to combine our Angel Tree Ornament Exchange and our 3rd Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser Event into one wonderful "Christmas Cheer" Wine Tasting Fundraiser Event. Save the Date December 6th! Details TBA! Skip ahead to April because we are really so excited about last years success of our Cioppino Dinner and want you to Save the Date for this super yum yum yummy event as well. April 16th! Come hungry and ready to be entertained. Looking forward to another great year. Mark your calendar October 31st, December 6th and April 16th. Stay tuned!



Angel Tree Project



Halloween



Cioppino Dinner



Wine Tasting

## Sacramento AHEPA Family Picnic in Elk Grove Park . . . .





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