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A Final Message . . . from your District Governor

As Chaucer put it, “all good things must come to an end...” And as we head to the District Convention in Stockton, so must my two years as your District Governor. I will be forever honored to have served this District as your Governor. I have appreciated all of the support and encouragement I received from the chapters and its members. I enjoyed the wonderful hospitality that was shown to me at all of the chapter visits during the past two years.

It is my hope that together, we can take the Order of Ahepa in the right direction. Our future, especially here in District 21 is bright. We will continue to strive for the future growth of our chapters. We will continue to support the many current charitable causes that the Ahepa is internationally known for, and the Ahepa will continue to be the great benefactor of the Church.

However, District 21 and its chapters must also take the lead in support of local charities. We must be at the forefront of community service at the local level. We must do a better job of not only getting the name Ahepa out to the public, but we must also show our communities who Ahepa is and what we are all about.

During my time as District Governor, I had a great team of District Lodge members. All of them showed great support of District 21 and of their home chapters. I am very grateful to my lodge members for their dedication and loyalty to the District Lodge. When I came up with some crazy ideas (Think WRDC), my brother lodge members rose to the occasion when needed.

To my Brother Lodge members past and present – William “Bill” Anton, George Zioulas, Alex Bazos, Alex Mallas, George Buck, George Chimiklis, George Gianopoulos, Steve Miller PDG, Bob Sexton SG/PDG, Stamus Cocolos, Nick Pries PDG, Andrew Mastoras, Steven Alfieris, and last but not least, the great Bill Booras PDG – thank you all for a job well done.

I would also like to acknowledge the great work that the Board of Directors of the Ahepa District 21 Scholarship Foundation do. I was privileged to be a member of the Foundation during my two terms as Governor. I hope that the District and its chapters continue to support the educational programs of the Foundation.

Lest I forget, I extend my appreciation to the members of the Daughters of Penelope District Lodge and to my partner in all things District 21, District Governor Kathy Leles. During our two year run, Kathy and her Lodge were always very supportive of me and my Lodge. Without them, the visitation trips would not have been the same. Congratulations Kathy for two successful terms as Governor!

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge one last very important person. If it were not for my wife, the lovely and gracious Deana, I never would have been able to make it during the past two years. Deana’s support and encouragement, made all of the long trips, conference calls, and some of the frustrations of being District Governor worthwhile.

Well, to revisit Chaucer, “All good things must come to an end...”, but I would like to add in parting, “To make way for better things to happen because the best is yet to come”.

Fraternaly;

Tom Chiarchianis

District 21 Governor



Greetings from your District Governor -

My tenure as your District Governor will soon be ending but there are so many things that still need to be done. As we enter the summer months and are quickly thinking about going on vacation, let's not forget that our District and Supreme Conventions are scheduled in the upcoming months of June and July. Your District Lodges have been VERY busy planning for a successful convention in Stockton as well as making sure that the District 21 event planned on July 2nd at the San Francisco Academy of Sciences is memorable and fun for all.

These past two years as your District Governor have been very rewarding and I am profoundly grateful for the love and support you have shown me during our visits and at many events throughout the area and beyond. I am also thankful for your commitment and dedication that all of you as members of the Daughters of Penelope have shown to increase membership, raise funds for our district projects and most importantly becoming involved.

I would be remiss in not thanking the women who have served with me as your District Lodge officers over the past two years: Beverly Kennedy, Mary Gavrilis, Foula Vasilogiorgis, Vaso Moulas, Helen Sexton, JoAnne Panagopoulos, PJ Rishard & Litsa Miller. These are an amazing and dynamic group of women who have dedicated themselves to the Daughters of Penelope and it was surely a pleasure to work with them. I also want to thank Diane Petersen & Anne Marie Cariotis who served as our District 21 Liaisons and Sofie Batshoun for her tremendous support in helping to reactivate the Maids of Athena.

Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank AHEPA District Governor Tom Chiarchianis for

his support, guidance and encouragement during my tenure. We were most fortunate to "make things happen" in District 21 - from the development of the WRDC and the District 21 website to activating the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena chapters - the word "no" was not in our vocabulary as we had a can-do team of players behind us. I have the utmost confidence that the newly elected District Governor's will continue with the same drive and commitment to keep District 21 number one!

When the Supreme Convention is upon us, let's make sure that we become active participants and attend the events that have been planned. Thursday, July 2nd will be a busy day for us in District 21. That morning, Eos #1 has planned a tour of San Francisco with stops at a few of the city's sites, lunch at the Holy Trinity Cathedral and then to the DeYoung Museum to see the Statue of Penelope. In the early evening, District 21 is sponsoring the Nightlife Tour at the SF Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park. Reservations are needed for both events and flier can be found in this edition of the AHEPA Traveler. Remember, anyone can attend these events - you do not have to be registered as a delegate.

And to plan ahead, the WRDC in 2016 has been moved to Orange County with District 20 hosting. Chairing the event will be DG Wynn Storton and DG Valerie Katsikas at the Doubletree Hotel in Anaheim. Planning committees are in the process of being formed and if you are interested in helping please contact me. By what was started in Reno, we will find strength in numbers and lay a strong foundation for the future of the AHEPA Family.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and whatever you do, enjoy the time with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you at the District Convention in Stockton and the Supreme Convention in San Francisco and as always, continued success, prosperity and health to all of you, with all my heart.

In Theta Pi,





GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21 - AHEPA FAMILY

83rd ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

JUNE 5 - 7, 2015

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5th

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| • Registration | Mezzanine | 9:00 – 10:30 AM |
| • AHEPA/DAUGHTERS Joint Session | Delta 1 & 2 | 10:30 – 11:30 AM |

LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN

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| • AHEPA/DAUGHTERS Business Session | Delta 3 & 4 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM |
| • Welcome Night | Hilton Patio | 6:00 PM |

Hosted by the Stockton AHEPA Family & Music by DJ Chris Perris

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th

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| • Registration | Mezzanine | 8:30 AM |
| • AHEPA/DAUGHTERS Business Session | Delta 3 & 4 | 9:00 – 11:30 AM |
| • Delegate's Luncheon | Delta 1 & 2 | 12:00 Noon |
| • Afternoon Business Sessions | Delta 3 & 4 | 1:30 – 4:00 PM |
| • District Governor's Reception | Suite 338 | 5:00 – 6:00 PM |
| • Grand Banquet, Scholarship Awards & Glendi | Delta 1, 2 & 3 | 6:00 PM |

Music by DJ Chris Perris

SUNDAY, JUNE 7th

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| • St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Church | Orthros | 8:30 AM |
| 920 West March Lane | Divine Liturgy | 9:30 AM |
| Stockton, CA 95207 | | |

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2015 SUPREME CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, June 29

AHEPA & DOP Office (through 7/5)
DOP Grand Lodge Meeting
DOP Foundation Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

AHEPA and Guest Registration
DOP Registration
SOP/MOA Registration
Opening Ceremonies City Hall

Wednesday, July 1

AHEPA General Session
AHEPA and Guest Registration
DOP Registration
DOP General Session
Golden Gate Cruise and Dance

** This schedule is tentative and all functions times and dates are subject to change. A final schedule of events will be included in your registration package at the Supreme Convention.*

Thursday, July 2

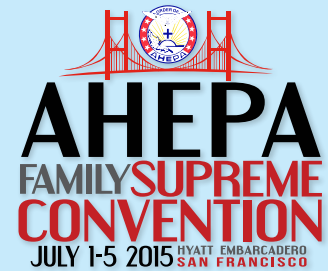
AHEPA General Session
DOP General Session
Ahepa Education Symposium
DOP Foundation Symposium
District 21 Local event
Sons and Maids After Hours

Friday, July 3

AHEPA General Session
DOP General Session and Nominations
AHEPA Family Athletic Luncheon
Optional Golf Tournament at the Presidio
AHEPA Greek Night
Sons and Maids After Hours

Saturday, July 4

DOP General Session Elections
AHEPA General Session Elections
SOP/MOA Celebrate the Youth Awards Brunch
AHEPA Family Officers Installation Ceremony
General Banquet Reception
Grand Banquet



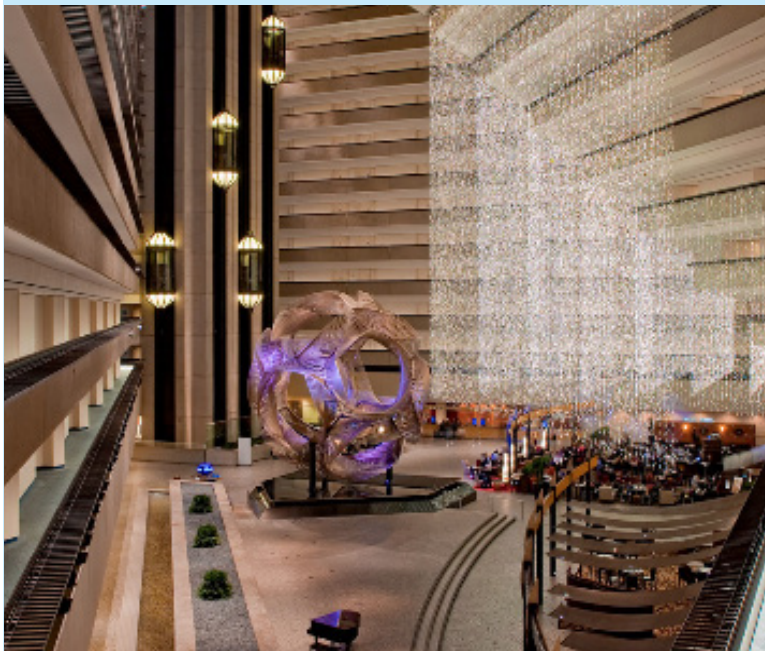
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GET YOUR DAILY DOSE OF WONDER!

THURSDAY - JULY 2 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Join your **fun-loving District 21 party bus hosts** for an evening of discovery & enjoyment during the Supreme Convention as we explore **NightLife at the California Academy of Science** in Beautiful Golden Gate Park



Enjoy a short **bus tour of the city, with delicious Appetizers, California Wine and Micro-Brews served on board** as we head off to our NightLife adventure. Not to be missed ...

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Net proceeds from our local night will be going towards District 21

St. Nicholas Ranch Boys Dorm Project and to the Ahepa and DOP District Scholarship Foundations

Cost per Person \$45.00 "Must be 21 or Older" Reservation Deadline June 1

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of Tickets _____ x \$45 ea. = \$ _____ Check Enclosed

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

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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.



Sons of Pericles & Maids of Athena

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- Give Back to your Community?
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If you are between the ages of 14 and 28, you could become a member of our AHEPA family!

For more details, please visit

<http://ahepa.org/ahepa/SupremeConvention.html> or contact Andrea Photopoulos Papa at andreaphotopoulos@yahoo.com.



Sisterhood Conference

by Kathy Leles, DG

The Sisterhood Conference in San Diego hosted by District 20 and the Sisters from Philia Chapter 380 hosted was a success. Forty-seven sisters from Districts 17, 20, 21 and 22 were welcomed at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley Hotel on April 24-25, as were Grand Governor Diane Petersen, Maids Grand Secretary Sofie Batshoun and Joanne Booras, PGP & Vice President of the Daughters of Penelope Foundation. Thank you to District Governor Valerie Katsikis, Adrienne Bell and her committee of Sisters for their hospitality!

During the conference, each District Governor presented a synopsis of their year, mentioning their many achievements as well as their concerns. PGP Joanne Booras spoke about the Daughters of Penelope Foundation and introduced us to another way of donating to the Foundation. iGive is an app that can be downloaded to your phone or computer and if you shop on line, a percentage of your sale will go to the Foundation. Check it out! Signing up is easy....just go to www.igive.com.



We also enjoyed a fantastic lunch together and were then very impressed with the guest speaker, Wally Yeats, a retired San Diego Police officer, who showed us some great self-defense moves and tips when we are alone in difficult situations.

Our weekend ended with Mother Nature not on our side. A rainy early evening bus ride took us to the Viejas Casino and Outlet Stores. Let's say good deals weren't found in our bags. Some sisters – from Eos #1 of course - took the liberty of asking for bags from retailers and as the pictures show, used them to cover their heads! A downpour did not dampen our fun though as we headed into the casino and made an a-line straight to the buffet & bar. WOW! Food, desserts, and drinks galore! Even though the weather wasn't on our side until Sunday, it was wonderful to get away and get together with fellow sisters. Thank you to the Sisters from District 21 who traveled by plane or car to attend. The next Sisterhood will be hosted by District 22.....will we be heading to Oregon or Washington???





DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE 2015 District Scholarship Awards



David Mark Karbo

Sponsor: Phaedra Chapter #64

Undergraduate Award \$2,500 Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Fund

David is a current senior at California High School in the San Ramon Valley where he holds a 3.89 weighted GPA. David's transcript is simply amazing. He started advanced math and French classes in his junior high and has therefore been able to reach AP Statistics during his senior year. Music participation has been strong throughout from Chamber Singers to Jazz Ensemble. He has a perfect score on both sections of the CAHSEE! He plans to attend Chapman University in the fall with a major in Music Composition. His honors and awards include recognition in sports (track) and music. His community activities include help at the Greek Food Festivals and participation as an altar boy. David's instructors write that he is a natural leader and a kind and compassionate individual. His piano teacher writes that David is a talented young composer with great creativity and musicality. David's Greek heritage has had a huge impact on his life.



Shannon Moira Sullivan

Sponsor: Ellis Chapter #89

Undergraduate Award: \$2,500 Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Fund

Shannon is a current senior at Killeen High School in Fort Hood, Texas. She is ranked at the top of her class with a 3.88 GPA while participating in the International Baccalaureate Program. Shannon will be attending the University of Texas in Austin this fall with a major in nutrition sciences and dietetics. She would eventually like to attend medical school. She has been involved in a variety of clubs and community service projects while in high school. As part of her IB personal project, Shannon published a book that resulted in an award for Outstanding Personal Project. In Shannon's own words: "I wish to share the values and ethics the Greek Orthodox Church has taught me about caring for those in need and to promote peace and unity within our communities and throughout the world, through nutrition and medicine."



Alicia Marie Gavrilis

Sponsor: Phaedra Chapter #64

Undergraduate Award: \$2,000 DOP Past District Governor's League Award

Alicia is senior at Modesto High School with a GPA of 3.6. Her high school transcript reflects International Baccalaureate coursework along with music and dance participation. Alicia's resume of community service and activities is amazing. Along with extensive activities at Modesto High School, including clubs and founding a new club on campus called "The Music Is Medicine Club." She has also had a tremendous involvement with the Greek Orthodox Church having been a part of the Greek Folk Dance Troupe for 13 years, choir and Church School. According to Rev. Father. Jon Magoulas, "Alicia is always

willing to respond and commit herself to programs that are beneficial to human development. She is responsible, a reliable leader and admired by adults for her kindness, honesty and generosity.” Alicia plans to attend San Francisco State University with a major in business administration and a concentration in entrepreneurship. Alicia says: “Greek Dancing has taught me teamwork, patience, and the appreciation of giving back to my community. Nothing can be achieved without hard work, dedication, team work and perseverance.”

**Alexander Magganas**

Sponsor: Echo Chapter #4

Undergraduate Award: \$2,000 Angela Mouroufas Memorial Scholarship

Alexander is a current senior at Piedmont High School with a GPA of 3.7. Alexander's transcript shows an extremely advanced student who began taking Advanced Placement classes in math and computer science during his sophomore year. He has also taken several advanced math classes at UC Berkeley and through a research project at UCB, he was introduced to the field of material science. Alexander will be attending the University of Illinois with a major in material science and engineering. His letters of recommendation talk about a perceptive student who understands the complexities of many issues. Alex will more than likely pursue a doctorate degree in the future. He is proud of the great Hellenic

traditions that emphasize the pursuit of truth and the obligation of every individual to do his or her part to improve the welfare of others.

**Jocelyn Nicole Kemp**

Sponsor: Artemis Chapter #5

Undergraduate Award: \$1,000 Scholarship in Memory of James Karneges, USMC

Jocelyn is a current senior at El Camino Fundamental High School in Sacramento with a GPA of 3.5 and a transcript that reflects honors and Advanced Placement classes. She plans to attend the University of Nevada in Reno with a major in political science. During high school, Jocelyn has worked for the Mission Oaks Recreation District in the “Camp Have-A-Lot-of-Fun.” During this time, she displayed that rare combination of energy, fun, spirit creativity, leadership, cooperation, communication skills, motivation, sound judgment intelligence and compassion. In Jocelyn's essay she says she is proud to a part of the Greek Orthodox Church and culture and is thankful for having attended the St. Nicholas Ranch

and Retreat Center. She hopes to study the Greek language in college.

**Penelope Sofia Tsiopos**

Sponsor: Ellis Chapter #89

Undergraduate Award: \$1,000 Scholarship in Memory of Cowan & Rosina Kennedy

Penelope will be graduating from St. Francis Catholic High School with a 3.4 GPA. Her transcript shows a blend of Advanced Placement and Honors classes as well as four years of French, many art classes and participation on the swim team. When she was in the 8th grade, Penelope moved to Sacramento from Greece. She reports this was a difficult transition for her but through hard work and determination, she was able to adjust. Her guidance counselor says, “Penelope represents all things Greek; both culturally and literally.” She has a letter of appreciation from the Sacramento Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church for her years of service to the Greek Food Festival. She plans to attend California State University

Monterey Bay with a major in communications. She would like to become an ambassador or a part of the United Nations.



Angelica Maria Trujillo

Sponsor: Urania Chapter #290

Undergraduate Award \$1,000 Scholarship in Memory of Gus Stratigopoulos

Angelica is a current junior at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri majoring in biochemistry. She holds a college PGA of 3.67. During her freshman year in college, she discovered her love of chemistry and is on a path to become a medical doctor. Angelica is very well regarded in the chemistry department where she holds a valued position as a teacher assistant and tutor for the department. Her professors discuss her academic commitment, great leadership, willingness to succeed and an optimistic attitude. Angelica attributes her Greek family for always pushing her to success. She has the upmost respect for her “hero”, her Yiayia.



ORDER OF AHEPA 2015 Scholarship Awards



Christopher (Chris) Karamanos attends the University of Chicago where he studies for a BS degree in Political Science in pursuit of a JD. Chris holds a 3.4 GPA and has the honor of Most Valuable Player in football for two years. His activities include being Dorm proctor, member of the Dean’s list, and a second degree Black Belt. He has volunteer experience at a Food Bank, at Greek Festivals, and others. His essay mentions his desire to be a criminal defense attorney and, importantly, “to give back to the community at large” by giving a voice to those who may not have the opportunity to legally defend themselves. His first reference letter from his football coach at Lake Forest Academy notes Chris being a true leader and “role model for his fellow classmates ...and also possesses many intangibles you can’t coach”.

His second reference letter from a family attorney mentions him being “a true gentleman with an inquiring mind, and graciousness.”

Angeliki Marina Menig (Bundros) attends San Jose State University for an M.S. degree in Occupational Therapy. Her major is Neurobiology & Psychology with a GPA of 4.0. She completed a dual BA at UC-Davis. Angeliki’s goal is pediatric O.T. professional (and researcher); she is well on her way. Angeliki is on the Dean’s List, O.T. Honor Society, National Scholar Athlete, and Sunday School Teacher of the Year among many other accomplishments. Her essay is well written, content rich, and focused, one of the best essays I have read. One reference letter from her Superintendent at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church School writes that Angeliki “lives her Orthodox faith rather than just talking about it”. Her second reference letter from her O.T. professor at San Jose State mentions Angeliki’s special talent to “blend art and science”, reflection and compassion.





Ariadni Spinali writes a passionate bio statement of her desire to become an oriental medical practitioner. She wishes to complete a Masters Degree in acupuncture at the South Baglo University in Anaheim, CA where she now attends. Her GPA is an impressive 3.8. Ariadni is a clinical intern at the University, received a Founder's Scholarship, is active in the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (Modesto) and is also a parent. One of her reference letters (from her student advisor) mentions her maturity, diligence, and solid analytic skill. A second reference letter is from her Director of Clinics, which highlights her high degree of "integrity, responsibility, and ambition" with "exceptional care for patients".

Tessa Lavdiotis wishes to complete her Masters of Science Degree in the highly innovative new field of Refugee Studies and Forced Migration at DePaul University in Chicago. According to her personal essay, Tessa's focus is on refugee women who are victims of war especially in Africa. Tessa was on the Dean's List her senior year and graduated Cum Laude from DePaul with a BA degree (GPA of 3.5). She was selected Vincentian Leader, mentored college students, and coordinated placement of Refugee One (bringing students to tutor refugee youth). She won an Excellence of Urban Service Award. One reference letter from a Department faculty member makes note of her "strength and resourcefulness to deal with the type of work she seeks". A second reference letter is from the Executive Director of Treasured Ones, Ghana, which is a foster home for children. Tessa was a school aide for a month where she gained significant hands on experience in her field of interest.



Alexandros (Alex) Stamas attends Granite Bay High School and has a 4.0 GPA with an SAT of 2080. His goal is a BA and then Masters Degree in Economics/Finance at Loyola Marymount University. Alex was a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Man of the Year (and President) as well as Altar Boy, a two-year Volleyball varsity athlete, Greek dance leader, and other activities. Alex submits a detailed personal essay. He mentions passionate interest in business, especially start-ups which he wishes to design and operate one day. A reference letter from his English Language Teacher notes that Alex "embodies characteristics that typically do not coalesce in one individual: initiative, intellect, and compassion". Also stated is that "five faculty members recognized Alex as having scholarship, leadership, service and character."

A second reference letter states that "Alex does not shy away from demanding obligations" and was a DOVIA Youth Volunteer of the Year.

Jonathan Charonis attends Carlmont High School and has a career goal of a BS degree in preparation to attend medical school at Creighton University. His bio statement and list of numerous activities he's involved with which offer us a well-rounded view of Jonathan. For example, he is VP-co-founder of the chess club, varsity water polo team, Church youth group, a first trumpet music seat honor, and four years of volunteering at a Church Festival. With a GPA of 3.32 and two solid reference letters he seems well prepared for the next life chapter with a career goal of becoming a physician. One reference mentions Jonathan's "superior analytical skills and sincere desire to learn", while the second letter from a Pediatric Physician (with whom he volunteered) makes note of Jonathan's calming demeanor with child patients (a real skill), his maturity, and deep empathy.





Angelique Banis attends Moraga's St. Mary's College, having previously received a BA degree in Art (2012) with a GPA of 2.9 from the University of Oregon. Her current goal is a Masters Degree in Teaching, a program that her mother and other peers have successfully attended. Angelique's personal essay mentions a passion for teaching diverse children, and a drive to inspire others. She has been on the Dean's List at Oregon, and athletic scholar at Las Lomas High School, a sports club coordinator and swim team coach. She has also been active in Ascension Church and a camp counselor. A reference letter from her 4th grade classroom teacher (where Angelique is a substitute teacher) mentions her dedication and "being a role model for youth". A second reference letter from a Faculty Fellow at the University of Oregon

mentions her strong abilities for teaching art at a non-profit, and her "good sense of the commitment and energy required..." to engage children's learning...!believe that she will excel."

Pantelis Nikolas Stathopoulos attends San Diego State University to obtain a B.S. degree in Kinesiology with a career focus of becoming a Fitness Specialist in May. His GPA is an admirable 3.7. Panteli's activity list includes VP of Finance for the Health & Human Services College, Executive Board Member of a Fraternity, Parish member, participant on a 9-day mission to build houses for needy families in Mexico, and others. His first reference letter vouches "for his character, ability, and fidelity without hesitation", and his leadership abilities at Church projects and in school. His second reference letter from his basketball coach mentions him being a leader and team player both on and off the court.



Leslie Mavrakis attends Westmont High School where she holds a 4.2 GPA and a SAT score of 1970. She wishes to complete a B.S. degree in Engineering at Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, Washington). Leslie received the AP Scholar Award, is a member of Valley Church Youth Group, tutors children in math and English, participates in the Marching Band, and is an active member of the California Scholarship Federation (for four years). A reference letter from her English/Journalism teacher notes that Leslie "has proven to be one of the most focused and determined students I have ever witnessed"... is "a brilliant writer". The teacher uses Leslie's essays to show to future classes in her teaching. The second reference letter notes "Leslie is a joy to be around...cheerful, thoughtful, encouraging ..." and "serves as an example

to others as to how to engage."

Marissa Mullins is a High School student at San Rafael and seeks a BS degree in a medical field (undetermined). Her bio statement conveys a warm and personal young woman with a caring focus on helping the underprivileged with healthcare needs. Her GPA is an impressive 3.9 with an ACT score of 23. Marissa received a Physics honor award, is active in track and field, Red Cross Club, and many others. She also lists participation in the National Charity League, and is a horseback rider. A reference letter from her Science Department Chair mentions Marissa's keen insights and helpfulness to other classmates. Moreover, a second reference letter from her High School Counselor mentions her solid intellectual curiosity, mature risk taking, passion for success, and calm demeanor.





Christina Tsapouklis attends Northgate High School in Walnut Creek, CA where she holds a GPA of 3.1. Her essay mentions the career goal of a Pediatric Physician/Surgeon. Most immediate is her objective to complete a BS degree in Biology at Cal State University Pomona. Her application lists several activities such as Link Crew, Lacrosse, Fashion Club, Greek dance, swim coach, and others; hence she is well rounded. One reference letter mentions her “extraordinary work ethic” and “exceptional presence and dedication towards teachers and peers ...” Another reference letter from her Pastor notes Christina’s “ubiquitous passion for improving her community ...prayerful, humble attitude, a calm reserve, and leadership ability”.

Panos Constantinou is a student at ENOCH High School in Modesto where he holds a 3.4 GPA. He seeks support to attend CSU-SF for a BA degree in film with a minor in music. Panos received a President’s Education Award, has been a VP of GOYA, a swimmer, plays guitar, engaged in Greek dance, and has been an Altar boy since age 10. His personal essay mentions many influences on his education goal, tho is unspecific about how or where to apply his creativity in film. His school counselor writes a heartwarming reference letter, which mentions his outgoing nature, and keen interest in video arts and production. A second letter from his GOYA advisor mentions his strong leadership skills and commitment to Church and community.



Marco Petrucci attends Jesuit High School with a GPA of 3.4, and seeks to complete a BA degree in Sports Management from the University of Oregon. His school activities are diverse, ranging from varsity baseball to senior retreat team leader, senior big brother, freshman football, and VP of the Greek Club. For Church, Civic, and other activities he has been an Altar Boy since age 7, Greek dance participant, volunteer soccer coach at an elementary school, builder of homes in New Orleans, etc. Both reference letters are very positive. One letter from his Presiding Priest mentions his outstanding Greek Orthodox Christian values, and the other letter from his High School counselor notes his “strong desire to help others” in campus and in community life.

Elana McCormick attends Santa Barbara City College with an immediate goal of an AA degree focused on Psychology. Elana’s personal essay mentions becoming a Master Degree prepared therapist. Her longerterm plan is to transfer to UC Berkeley in Psychology. She is on the honor role with a City College transcript listing of a 3.30 GPA. She lists golf as an activity, and Church, Civic, and other activities with the Food Bank, Solano Library, and Greek Orthodox Church. Elana’s application includes one reference letter from her Rev. Fr. at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension in Oakland. The letter mentions her “keen intellect, integrity...and determination to excel.”





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San Francisco Ahepa Family

by Marion Paashis

AGAPE DINNER

Christos Anesti! San Francisco's EOS#1 and The Golden Gate Pacific Chapter #150 held the annual Greek Traditional Agape Dinner the first Wednesday after our Orthodox Easter. This year the event took place at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Brotherhood Way in San Francisco. Sister Eva Skoufis was fantastically organized in the Chairing of her committee. Much work is needed to have success, and she surpassed all expectations. Checking recipes, grocery shopping, delivering, setting up, and baking her fabulous Galatopouriko are only a few of the many items on her "check list". Many Sisters and Brothers assisted her in every step of the way. When people began arriving, the laughter and the camaraderie could be heard throughout the Church Hall. Among those attending were Father Aris Metrakos, Past Supreme President Andy Banis, District 21 Governor Tom Chiarchianis, District 21 Lt. Governor Bill Anton, District 21 Governor Kathy Leles, District 21 Lt. Governor Beverly Kennedy, District 21 Secretary Foula Vasilogiorgis and District 21 Marshal Vaso Moulas. EOS#1 President Elaine Makras spoke eloquently when she described the charities EOS #1 has helped this year alone because of the attendance to

our fund raisers and brilliantly summed it by describing "Agape". She said, "Tonight, we are celebrating Agape. The love God had for us and the love we have for one another. This love has inspired and enabled us to perform philanthropic deeds in our own local community and all over the world."

Agape Dinner photographs on the following pages by Stella Kyriakis.

Annunciation Cathedral Honors Two Daughters from Eos Chapter #1 as Mothers of the Year - Annette Chiappari and Nikki Kastoras









Leto Chapter #71, Fresno

by Eleni Rotous Rockas, M.D.

"Pretend to be completely in control and people will assume that you are."
---Steve Jobs

Yiasas!! What a great life we are living--so many friends--lots of smiles!!! We tell each other funny stories and jokes so we can laugh together every day... that is what life is all about...to love, to laugh, to pass our amazing genes to our precious children and grandchildren. Yiayia and Papou are encouraging them to become a part of our big, happy ekogenia (family).

Lots of money is not what eftihia (happiness) is all about...its about the three Ls--laugh, love, live to the fullest. The next time you meet with your Daughters of Penelope sisters, give a hug and a high five!!!!

Our EVENING IN GREECE which we co-hosted with the California Opera Association was a huge success, thanks to everyone who gave their time and talents was so successful. The dinner was delicious and the vocal performances were outstanding!!

Prior to our last meeting we had a presentation about Scarlet's Garden, a program for the deaf by Dr. Paul Ogden. We learned so much about how important hearing is in our later years.

We bring items to our monthly meetings and they are delivered by our sisters to the RESCUE THE CHILDREN/SAMARITAN WOMEN FACILITY.

Our corresponding secretary, Cindi Boukidis, hosted a BUNCO evening at her lovely home. Appetizers, dessert and prizes were provided. It will be a regular even several times a year.

Dear Sisters: You are welcome to come and visit us... hope to see you soon!!!!

San Jose AHEPA Family

Greetings from San Jose!

Our chapters held their third annual **Cioppino Dinner Night** fundraiser on Saturday, March 28th. Two hundred twenty guests enjoyed cioppino with salad, pasta, garlic bread and dessert. All were entertained by Constantine Pappas and Katherine McGregor with their magnificent voices and vocal selections.

Presidents George Zioulas and Cathy Photopoulos welcomed the guests including Andy Banis, PSP, Connie Aretos, PGP, Robert and Helen Sexton, PDG's and Laurie Sahines, PDG.

The chefs were master chef Louie Pappas, Nick Kominanos, Gus Gundunas, Steve Baras and George Pries. Reception was handled by Kassandra Skordillis and Linda Belba, Raffle sales by Andrea Papas and Athena Pugliese. George Spilios covered the bar. And we thank them all for their excellent hard work.

A bulk of the proceeds from the dinner will go to the planned dormitory renovation at St. Nicholas Ranch.

High School Graduate Luncheon was held on Sunday, May 17th and attended by 110 guests.



Sixteen high school graduates were awarded certificates of achievement and a monetary gift of \$100 each by AHEPA Chapter President George Zioulas. PDG Laurie Sahines awarded each graduate a prayer book gift from the Daughters of Penelope.

The luncheon menu of salad, chicken riganati, rice, and mixed vegetables was prepared by chefs Nick Pries, George Pries and Louie Pappas. Thank you to the Daughters of Penelope who served the meal to each guest. Also, thank you to Teena Claudatos, church school superintendent, for helping with the presentations and serving.

We are gearing up to support the **St. Nicholas Festival on May 29-31**. Chapters will chair the festival dining room, help in the food preparation and serving the meals.



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