#### **GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT NO. 21**



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#### **Western Regional District Convention**

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

Congratulations and best wishes to Brother Bill and Sister Beverly on their journey in 2016-2017 year.

Please read their messages on pages 3 and 4.





# GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016
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See page 7 for details & registration form

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE EOS #1
FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016
POPLAR CREEK GRILL - SAN MATEO
See page 8 for details & registration form

### **Supreme Convention**

Andrew Zachariades Elected Supreme President
Jan Spanos Elected Grand President
Nikolas Apostolou Elected Supreme President SOP
Tria Charnas Elected Grand President MOA

**Elected members from District #21 - Congratulations!** 

George Booras - Elected Supreme Governor Region VIII

Diane Peterson - Elected DOP Grand Secretary



Jan Spanos



George Booros



Diane Peterson

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# Greetings from the AHEPA District Governor...



# SUMMER TIME IS SLOWLY LEAVING US...

This means that we must get back to our AHEPA work. Send the children back to school and continue with our regular jobs putting food on the table and all of

the normal chores. I certainly hope that everyone had a fine vacation somewhere with the family and were able to get that well deserved R & R.

I was able to attend two Conventions: The WRDC in Aneheim and the Supreme in Las Vegas. We had a great time at the WRDC even though the Greek Night food was less than desirable. As a special treat during the Grand Banquet we were treated to songs by Chris Hillman and his group. You remember the Byrd's don't you?

The main thing that we accomplished was the future WRDC Conventions: 2018, 2020, & 2022 to be conducted at the Atlantis Casino in Reno, Nevada. Each district will host on their approved date; the only change is the venue will remain in Reno. It was the feeling of nearly 99% of the voting delegates that Reno has the best opportunity for larger profits to the districts. Nonetheless, I wish to congratulate the fine efforts of (now Past) District Governor, Wynn Storton and his District #20 crew for the fine job they did throughout the Convention. Kudos to Wynn and Beverly Kennedy for the great job they did on the convention album.

As for the Supreme Convention, I found it to be less than par. The venue was very nice, but the food was not worth 25% of the fee we paid for the meals. Our meetings were less than interesting and many

delegates kept going up to the podium on the same subject two and even three times. As you see below, the meetings definitely did not energize me...and probably others who caught a few winks during the lengthy meetings.

At this time, I would like to congratulate our newly elected Supreme/Grand Officers: George Booras, Supreme Governor, District # 8; Diane Peterson, Grand Secretary, DOP; Jan Spanos, Grand President, DOP. You must realize these three members are from our very own District #21. We in District #21 are very proud of our newly elected National officers.

We cannot forget our journey to complete the Saint Nicholas Ranch AHEPA Building Restoration Project. We are moving forward, but will need ongoing donations and fund-raising to further the completion of this important and needy project.

Let us continue to strive forward for the improvement of our District and the entire Ahepa Family.

William L. Anton
Governor District 21



Very bored with this meeting . . . .

## Daughters of Penelope District Governor's Message



#### FALL ... Here We Go Again!

Was there really a "summer break"? It seems ages ago that we were in Anaheim for another great Western Regional District Convention where we had a chance to spend time with old and new friends from Districts 17, 20, 21 and 22. Congratulations to Brother

Wynn Storton, PDG D-20 and the entire WRDC committee for bringing it all together with class.

I was honored to be re-elected for a second term and thank my D 21 Sisters for their confidence. My goals for the coming year will be focused on increasing and improving communications throughout our D 21 Family, membership growth, scholarships and the next stage of our AHEPA Family St. Nicholas Ranch Dorm Renovation Project.

I am pleased to announce the District 21 Lodge for 2016-2017 as elected at the WRDC in Anaheim: Foula Vasilogiorgis, Lt. Governor – Vassiliki Moulas, Secretary – Catherine Andrews, Treasurer – Aida Nassar, Marshal – Kathy Leles, MOA and D 21 Advisor. Mary Gavrilis will continue as Scholarship Chairman. I appreciate their willingness to serve and look forward to working with them to expand our District.

A highlight of our District Convention business meetings is the announcement of two very special awards presented to Sisters who have served with honor and distinction. This year's honorees are:

KATHY LELES, PDG DISTRICT 21 PENELOPE OF THE YEAR JACQUI ARGYRES DISTRICT 21 DAUGHTERS OF THE YEAR

Kathy Leles needs no introduction and continues to amaze with her energy and dedication to the Daughters. Over the years she has served as District Marshal, Secretary, Lt. Governor and District Governor, actively participated in conferences and conventions at district and national levels including WRDC Co-Chair in 2014 and WRDC Registration Chair in 2016 ... and the list goes on. Adding to her current service as Maids of Athena & District 21 Advisor, as well as Trustee of the Ekaterini Tsakopoulos & Angela Mouroufas Memorial Scholarships, Kathy now serves as President of Sparta 18. Where does she find the energy?

Jacqui Argyres is a rising star at Daphne 29 in

San Jose and has served her Chapter with honor and distinction filling the position of Corresponding Secretary last year and in the current year. And boy does she ever correspond! Not a bulletin from District or Headquarters gets by her and she instantly forwards information to the Chapter membership! Thank you, Jacqui, for all you do and congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

At the recent AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, we were proud to elect Sister Jan Spanos – Sacramento Chapter Artemis 5 – to the highest office in our Order. A 53-year member, Sister Jan has devoted much of her life to the Daughters, and we salute her on attaining this well-deserved pinnacle position as Grand President 2016-2017. Sister Jan's theme for the year is ASPIRE!

We also extend best wishes and congratulations to all newly-elected Grand Lodge officers ... and especially to another D 21 Sister Diane Petersen:

Grand Vice President Eva Jean Fomalont of Albuquerque, NM Grand Secretary Diane Petersen of Sacramento, CA Grand Treasurer Aspa Kostopoulos of Ontario, Canada Grand Governor Zone I Lili Respass of Worcester, MA Grand Governor Zone II & District 21 Liaison

Dorothea Williams of Saint Claire Shores, MI
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Grand Governor Zone IV Katherine Karafotias of Portland, OR
Grand Governor Zone V Celia Kachmarski of Calgary, Canada
Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Kathy Zotos of Munster, IN
Special congratulations as well to Sister Celia

Kachmarski who was honored as 2016-2017 International Penelope of the Year! Her list of accomplishments is long and impressive!

Please mark your calendars to attend the following important events –

OCT 15 - District 21 Fall Conference Hosted by the Fresno AHEPA Family

NOV 19 – Founders Day Hosted by EOS #1

Again this year we look forward to working closely and in harmony with our AHEPA District 21 Brothers to grow and strengthen the AHEPA Family. Congratulations to Brother Bill Anton on his re-election as District 21 Governor and to all the officers of the AHEPA District 21 Lodge as well as Brother George Booras who was elected Supreme Governor of Region VIII.

Love in Theta Pi, *Bev Kennedy*District 21 Governor



# **Andrew C. Zachariades Elected Supreme President**

New Jersey Native Runs Uncontested



delegates the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) elected Andrew C. Zachariades. Brick, N.J. as their president supreme at the 94th Annual Supreme Convention, Las Vegas, Nev. Zachariades ran unopposed in elections that were held July 28,

2016. Formal installation ceremonies were held July 29, 2016.

"It is an honor and privilege to be elected supreme president," Zachariades said. "I'm sincerely grateful to the convention delegates who placed their support and trust in me to lead this vibrant, venerable, and unique organization."

He added, "This is a critical year on many fronts. Elections in the United States will provide us with an opportunity to work with a new administration and Congress in 2017. Greece continues to deal with a gripping economic crisis amid an unprecedented migratory crisis; and in Cyprus, challenging issues such as property, territory and security need to be addressed as settlement talks proceed. In addition, the need for community service around the world is ceaseless and the promotion of Hellenic ideals and our Hellenic heritage will always be priorities 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."

#### About Supreme President Zachariades

Zachariades is a 25-member of Hudson Chapter 108, Jersey City, N.J. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions including most recently supreme vice president. As supreme president, Zachariades' 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.

Moreover, the supreme president has dedicated himself to the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation, which has raised nearly \$1.5 million for cancer research. During his eight-year chairmanship of the foundation, grants were provided to several industry leading organizations such as: Rutgers Cancer Institute of N.J., Weill Medical College Cornell University, and

Fox Chase Cancer Center. In 2008, Zachariades was awarded the District Five Ahepan of the Year.

Zachariades is an executive-level financial accountant for most of his career where he has overseen complex transactions and billions of dollars of real estate development. For the past 15 years, he has served as the CFO and Controller of FBE Limited LLC, a privately held investment firm located on Wall Street in New York City. He is a graduate of Rutgers University where he was conferred a degree in Managerial Accounting. In addition, he earned an advanced degree in Financial Accounting from the New York Institute of Finance. Zachariades has distinguished himself in his field and is an esteemed member of the Hellenic American Bankers Association. Always looking to give back, Andrew is a frequent lecturer at the Graduate School of Business at William Paterson University, which is part of the New Jersey State University system.

Zachariades and his wife, Antoinette, are members of Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church, Jersey City, N.J., and have three children. Andrew also currently serves as vice president of the Cyprus Children's Fund, which was founded in 1974 to support the educational pursuits of eager, hard-working and dedicated students after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. To honor his many accomplishments, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese awarded Zachariades with the Medal of the Order of Saint Paul in 2000.

#### Election of AHEPA Leadership for 2016-2017

The 2016-17 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Canadian President Bill Bakalis, Kitchener, Ontario; Supreme Vice President George E. Loucas, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio; Supreme Secretary Carl R. Hollister, Mason, Ohio; Supreme Treasurer James Kokotas, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Supreme Counselor George G. Horiates, Esq., Moorestown, N.J.; Supreme Athletic Director Louis G. Atsaves, Lake Forest, Ill.; and Sons of Pericles National Advisor Sandy Papadopoulos, Atlanta, Ga.

The eight Supreme Governors are: Region I: Gus Paras; Region II: Anthony Drakos; Region III: Chris Diamantoukis; Region IV: Jack Isaac; Region V: George L. Kalantzis; Region VI: Donald Vanover: Timothy Joannides; Region VIII: George Booras; and Region X: Nicholas C. Papadopoulos.

Elected to positions on the Board of Trustees were: Cos Marandos, who was re-elected, and Elias Tskerides. Craig Clawson was re-elected to the Board of Auditors.

#### AHEPA Family Elections

The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family also held elections. Jan Spanos, Sacramento, Calif., was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; Nikolas Apostolou, Wyckoff, N.J., was elected Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Tria Charnas, North Royalton, Ohio, was elected Maids of Athena Grand President.

The 2017 Supreme Convention will convene July 24 to 30 at Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Fla.

# **Spanos Elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President**

53-year member hails from Sacramento, California



The delegates of the Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope (DOP), elected Jan Spanos, Calif., Sacramento. Grand President for the 2016-17 administrative year. Elections were held July 27, 2016 at the 94th Annual AHEPA **Family** Supreme Convention, Las Vegas, Nev.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be elected Grand President," Spanos, who is a member of Artemis Chapter 5, Sacramento, said. "I look forward to working with an enthusiastic Grand Lodge and a vibrant membership to take our successful programs in education, philanthropy, and social services to new heights to the benefit of the community."

Spanos, a 53-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," Spanos said. "I am grateful for the opportunities the organization have provided me, and my aim is to ensure those opportunities are afforded to future generations of women for years to come."

The newly-elected grand president is a graduate of Northwestern University and has a lifetime vocational teaching degree awarded by the University of California Berkeley. Spanos also has prepared and administered classes for continuing education units in vocation education. In addition, Jan co-authored with the Labor Occupational Health Program at the University of California Berkeley (UCB) to create the a manual titled, "Health and Safety in the Workplace.

Professionally, Grand President Spanos is a government employee in Sacramento. Formerly, she was employed by an international products company headquartered in Brussels, Belgium where Spanos traveled extensively to several countries, states and cities as an educator and platform presenter.

#### 2016-2017 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge

In addition to Grand President Spanos, the following individuals were elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge:

Grand Vice President Eva Jean Fomalont of Albuquerque, N.M.; Grand Secretary Diane Petersen of Sacramento, Calif.; Grand Treasurer Aspa Kostopoulos of Ontario, Canada; Grand Governor Zone I Lili Respass of Worcester, Mass.; Grand Governor Zone II Dorothea Williams 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 Celia Kachmarski of Calgary, Canada; and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Kathy Zotos of Munster, Ind.

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

Spanos' theme for the administrative year is "Aspire."



# ORDER OF AHEPA DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21



## FALL CONFERENCE

## Saturday, October 15, 2016

#### HOSTED BY THE FRESNO AHEPA FAMILY



# St. George Greek Orthodox Church 2219 N. Orchard



#### Fresno CA

Welcome/Continental Breakfast	9:30 AM
Joint AHEPA, DOP, SOP, MOA meeting	10:30 AN
Luncheon	12:00 PM
Individual Lodge meetings	1:00 PM
Adjourn	3:00 PN

For those interested, carpool excursion to St. Nicholas Ranch will depart immediately following adjournment.

Register by mail, phone or email		
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# Daughters of Penelope Daphne #29 invites you to attend

## An Evening of Remembrance: Alessandra Barlas

### DiAnn Beatty

will present information about the Alessandra Barlas Foundation

#### Next Door Solutions to Domestic Vioilence

will present topics that will include:

Types of Domestic Violence

Red Flags

Cycle of Violence

Power Control Wheel

### Tuesday, October 11, 2016

6:30 pm Resfreshments

7:00 pm Presentation

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 1260 Davis Street (Small Hall) San Jose, CA 95126

For more information please contact:

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# Supreme Convention Las Vegas NV July 24-30, 2016











## **Daughters of Penelope 2016-2017 District Lodge**





# 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.

# 2016 Western Regional District Convention

June 23-26 Orange, California

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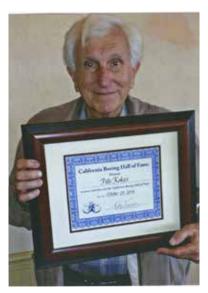
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### **Pete Rokas**

#### Class of 2016 AHEPA Northern California Athletic Hall of Fame



Pete Rokas made his name in Boxing! Not in the ring itself, but in the scheduling, managing, and promoting. This was over a period of over 30 years. In recent years, Mr. Rokas was honored by being entered into the California Boxing Hall of Fame. What follows is a brief story of his life, a life that eventually took him well through the world of Boxing.

Pete Rokas was born in Fresno, California on July 17, 1932. A first generation of immigrate Greeks, Pete grew up in Fresno, serving as Altar Boy in his church, attending schools from grade level through Fresno High School. Throughout this period, from the time as a little boy, he was taken by either his uncle or his father to a local boxing arena to watch matches. He saw many. Even though his life took him into other areas of interest, he always returned to boxing. He moved for a time to Southern California, studying to become an X-Ray Technician. This development would serve him well. When the Korean War broke out and a military 'draft' began,

Pete was inducted into the Army. And following Basic Training, where did he go? He went to work in military hospitals - as an X-Ray Technician.

Rokas was discharged from the Army two years later. He returned to Fresno, found work again as a Technician. But Boxing soon drew him closer to the 'ring'. With a friend, also a lover of boxing, he/they sought to set up a match between a known boxer Jose Becera and some other boxer! But who? How to do this, i.e set up this match between Becera and someone else here in Fresno? He sought help and guidance. In some manner, he was put in contact with a well known Los Angeles boxing promoter, George Parnassus. Now Parnassus is a Greek! His inquiry was received, and with Parnassus' help, an exhibition match between Becera and a boxer named Walter Ingrahm was set up - in Guadalajara, Mexico! It was done, the fight took place. It was well received in Mexico. Unfortunately, boxer Ingrahm was found dead in his hotel room later, probably from injuries from the fight. From that time on, George Parnassus was viewed by Rokas as a 'Mentor', one with whom Pete had a professional life of contact.

From that time on, 'boxing promoter', Pete Rokas, staged matches for the rest of his professional career - mostly taking place in Fresno, California. Over the next years, Pete would promote approximately one match each month. Also over those years, he was able to attract well known boxers to the Fresno arena including Mohamed Ali and Wayne Thornton, among others. He continued his relationship with Parnassus in Los Angeles helping set up matched there. He even traveled to Greece hoping to set up a match there; he could not penetrate their system.

Now retired, Pete Rokas maintains his membership with Fresno Chapter AHEPA #151. He has traveled to Greece numerous times, always visiting the village from whence came his parents. With his lovely wife, Dora, he has traveled broadly, once to India, several times to Mexico and cruises through the Caribbean. Pete Rokas was thrilled when inducted into the California Boxing Hall of Fame and also upon receiving a commendation from the City of Los Angeles upon this recognition.

Welcome Pete to the Northern California Ahepa Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2016.



Chairman of the AHEPA Northern California Athletic Hall of Fame and District Athletic Director Stamus Cocoles presenting award plaque to inductee Pete Rokas at the Western Regional District Convention

## AHEPA Northern California Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees since 1998

#### **Class of 1998**

Zach Papachristos William Korinthias Nick Garedakis

#### **Class of 1999**

Evangelos M. Gerontinos Nikki Gianulias George Zuras

#### Class of 2001

Nicholas Stratigopoulos Virginia Kyriazi Laggis Peter Kolotouros

#### **Class of 2009**

Nick Pappageorge Nick Garris Napolean Dokos

#### Class of 2012

John Christopulos

2016 Inductee

Pete Rokas



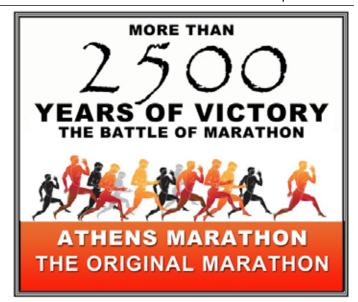
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The AHEPA Medal for Military Service, approved by the 106th Congress, was presented to all AHEPA veterans present at the 34th Biennial Congressional Banquet, March 29, 2000. The Supreme Lodge then encouraged its districts and chapters to present this 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. 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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#### San Mateo #392

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