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## *Greetings from the District Governor . . .*



TIME GOES BY VERY FAST DOESN'T IT?? Here we are looking down the barrel of the second WRDC. Much has happened during my time in office as Governor; however, there is still much to be accomplished concerning many of my plans and ideas for our district.

I received per capita from San Mateo with nine members paid and running again. I feel with a little boost San Mateo can get back to where they once were. On Super Sunday, I was able to initiate six members to the once failing Vallejo Chapter; now heading in a positive direction to becoming a viable and forward-looking chapter. I feel the remainder of our chapters are holding their own at this time.

I'm happy to report the Saint Nicholas Ranch Restoration Project has completed phase one. The cost for this portion of the work accomplished was approximately \$49,000. At last count we had a total of \$11,000 and change going towards phase number two. This will cost approximately the same as the initial phase, but with fund-raising and donations we can meet the needs of each

phase. I personally, along with the AHEPA District Lodge wish to thank all who generously donated to the project in lieu of flowers in my mother's memory. She believed in this project and the prospect of the many future visitors it will welcome. We were able to collect \$1,265. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the completion of this project, please contact me or the Metropolitan's office at 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. Make your check payable to Metropolitan of San Francisco and in the lower left corner of your check write Ahepa Building Remodel. This project is not for us, but for our children and grand children.

Thanks to Robert Sexton and Garrett Buck as they will be initiating new members into the Sons of Pericles, on Sunday, February 21st. Good job brother's and thanks for your commitment.

Finally, remember to pay your dues; the sooner the better, as we need the per capita paid so we will have the maximum delegates at our conventions.

Being Governor has been a lot of work, however, it is a lot of fun and the visits very enlightening and gratifying to see our chapters at work. It is certainly my pleasure being your Governor and working for the betterment of District #21.

Fraternally;

***William L. Anton***

Governor District 21

## *Up Coming Events - Mark your Calendars!*

**Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Conference**

**April 8 and 9, 2016**

**Manaco Hotel - Seattle, Washington**

**2016 Western Regional District Convention**

**June 23 – 25, 2016**

**DoubleTree by Hilton - Anaheim, California**

**2016 National Supreme Convention**

**July 24 – 30, 2016**

**The Mirage - Las Vegas, Nevada**

## *Daughters of Penelope* *District Governor's Message*



### WELCOME TO SPRING!

We have just completed District Lodge visitations to all of our Chapters and on every occasion enjoyed the warmest of welcomes and outstanding hospitality from our Sisters and Brothers of the AHEPA Family. I am truly delighted with the many outstanding activities of each

Chapter and hope that in the remaining four months in our fiscal year each Chapter and each Sister will continue the effort to grow our membership and expand our community outreach. I feel confident that I can speak for all members of the District Lodge when I say we are your cheerleaders and your greatest fans!

Beyond the good efforts at Chapter level, several important events, opportunities and tasks are on the horizon.

**Sisterhood Conference, Seattle, WA April 8& 9** – This is a great opportunity for the Sisters of District 21 to enjoy a weekend of camaraderie and idea exchange with members of our neighboring Districts 17, 20 and 22. Please make every effort to attend. Our District 22 hosts have requested that registrations be received by April 1. The registration form and hotel information is included in this issue of the Traveler and has been sent to each Chapter President and Corresponding Secretary.

**Western Regional District Convention, Anaheim, CA June 23-25** – Our 2016 District 21 Convention is less than four months away. This year we will once again join our Brothers and Sisters from Districts 17, 20 and 22 for another fun-filled and rewarding Western Regional District Convention. Our 2016 hosts and convention co-chairs, District 20 Governors Wynn Storton and Valerie Katsikis, and committee members from each district are working diligently to make this WRDC one you definitely will not want to miss. Convention information ... including registration forms, the convention album ad contract, golf tournament registration, sponsorship opportunities, etc. ... is included in this issue of the Traveler and is also available on our D-21 website ... <http://ahepa-wrdc.org/> Complete information has also been sent to Chapter Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries. Please book your hotel reservations early. A limited number of rooms are available at the convention rate of \$149. Please also submit your registration and album ads well before the May 15 deadline. Strong representation from every Chapter is a must! In addition to legislation, planning and election of District officers, our conventions offer a great opportunity to learn, share,

and grow and to return home refreshed and invigorated to further the mission of our great AHEPA Family.

**AHEPA Family Supreme Convention, Las Vegas, NV July 24-30** – The AHEPA Family Supreme Convention will be July 24-30 at the Mirage Hotel and Casino – Phone (800) 374-9000. A tentative convention agenda can be found on the AHEPA website <http://ahepa.or/convention.htm>. AHEPA has secured a very affordable room rate of \$90 per night (plus tax and resort fee) for convention attendees. Advise the reservation staff that you are with AHEPA when making your Supreme Convention reservations ... or book online at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14567179/owner/4940/home>. The AHEPA rate EXPIRES June 24, 2016, so book ASAP. Also, please plan to support the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA by placing ads in their respective commemorative albums.

**Scholarships Applications** – District scholarship packets were sent to all Chapters and are available on our District website. Contact District Scholarship Chairman Mary Gavrilis with any questions you may have. The District scholarship application deadline is April 1. Additionally, The Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. has 24 scholarships available in 2016 - five of which were made possible by DOP chapters via your mandatory scholarship obligation in 2015! Chapter Presidents will receive a printed application and instructions in the upcoming Grand President's mail-out. The DOP Foundation applications are due by May 1. You can also download all National scholarship information from the website: <http://dopfoundationinc.com/scholarships/apply/>.

**St. Nicholas Ranch Dorm Renovation** – Phase 1 is complete and looks wonderful. The AHEPA Family is now working to raise funds so we can begin Phase 2. A strong effort on our DOP D-21 fundraiser ticket sales will help immensely toward our Phase 2 financing efforts! I am sure our AHEPA Brothers will be happy to purchase a few tickets! Please sell, sell, sell ... and if you have sold all of the tickets issued to your Chapter, we do have more available!

Now's the time to elect district and national convention delegates, create committees to choose your Chapter's Penelope of the Year and Daughter of the Year. And don't forget the membership contests at District and National level. (Additional forms relating to our District convention will be included with my March bulletin to the Chapters.)

On behalf of the District Lodge – Foula Vasilogiorgis, Mary Gavrilis, Cat Andrews, Vaso Moulas and Kathy Leles – my very best wishes to each of you and your loved ones for a beautiful Lenten Season and Pascha!

Love in Theta Pi,

**Bev Kennedy**  
District Governor



# MEMBERS MATTER

*By Jan Spanos, Daughters of Penelope Grand Vice President*

As we look at the Orders of the Ahepa Family, can we truly say that we are delivering to our respective communities the attention that they need, as is dictated by our Mission Statement? Are we as individuals able to say yes to all of the components of the Mission Statement?

In a closer look at ourselves and our Chapters, we discover that the answer to the question regarding our Mission Statement most often results in an overwhelming NO! Obviously the next question would be WHY?

We can no longer do business as usual. We must be open to change that many of our members can bring to the table. If we extend our hand and open our minds to the world of possibilities, we can and will become the Ahepa Family that is outlined in our Mission Statement. **MEMBERS MATTER!** What each of person, veteran member or new, can do to enhance our Orders is amazing. Growth is dependent upon our ability to allow room for the changes that surround us.

The needs of many (*our communities*) are not able to be met by the *few* (*our membership*). As our community age demographics reflect greater needs, our memberships are not increasing expotentionally to meet those needs.

**The time is NOW!** Now is the time to consider what we need to do to increase our memberships and along with those increases what we can do to maintain the interest of both the **NEW** member and the veteran member.

Have we looked beyond our own Church communities? Have we extended and inviting hand to other Christians? Do we encourage our auxiliary orders to become dual members? Do we invite our scholarship recipient's membership? Are we really doing all that we can individually and collectively to enhance our membership? This answer at this time must be no, we are not.

**NOW is the time** to bring in **NEW** members of all Christian faiths; allowing them to enhance our current actions and to aid in developing NEW projects and community awareness. In the words of President Abraham Lincoln "*The best way to predict the future, is to create it.*" Let's begin to CREATE the future of our Orders, let's look at our communities and let them see us. Let them see us in action. Let is encourage them to become part of our Family.

# Daughters of Penelope Sisterhood Conference

## 2016

You are cordially invited to attend the 32nd annual Sisterhood Conference in Seattle, Washington. The conference will be held on April 8th and 9th at the Monaco Hotel located at 1101 4th Ave, Seattle, WA. You can make your reservation by calling the hotel at 206-621-1770. We have king and double queen rooms reserved at \$169 and \$179. You must make your reservation by March 8 to guarantee these rates.

Shuttle Service from SeaTac Airport is available through Shuttle Express for \$50 round trip. Reserve on-line or call at 425-981-7000 and ask for the Daughters of Penelope Discount. For those who are driving, parking is available at the hotel for \$39 a day. We recommend that you park at St Demitrios and carpool if you can.

The following amenities are available to you at the hotel:

- \*\$10 Raid the Mini Bar credit for Kimpton Karma members (guests can sign up onsite if \*they are not already members) <https://www.kimptonhotels.com/karma-rewards>
- \*Complimentary Wireless High Speed Internet in all guestrooms and meeting space.
- \*Complimentary morning coffee service in lobby
- \*Hosted evening wine reception in the lobby

Registration for the Conference is \$75, which includes lunch on Saturday as well as the meet and greet on Friday Night. On Saturday evening, we will be taking the monorail to the Seattle Center where we will be visiting the Space Needle and the Chihuly Glass Museum followed by dinner at the Grecian Corner Restaurant across the street from the Center. The evening function will require you to do some walking, so bring sensible shoes and warm clothes in case it's cold out. The walk to the monorail is about four blocks and then we will be walking around the Center.

The Saturday Evening function will be \$60.00, which includes the monorail ride, the visit to the Space Needle and Museum and dinner.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed for Sisterhood Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed for Saturday Evening Function \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your registration in no later than April 1, 2016.**

Please contact Neena at 425-252-7229 or [neena.blackwell@yahoo.com](mailto:neena.blackwell@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Please mail your completed reservation form to: Holly Poulias, 2856 NW 65th Street, Seattle, WA 98117

# WRDC

# 2016

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**Districts 17, 20, 21 & 22**

**Western Regional District Convention**

**Hosted by District 20 ~in Anaheim, CA**

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# WRDC 2016 - ANAHEIM CA



## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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Payments can be made on the AHEPA-WRDC.org website \*\*Fees apply*

### DIAMOND LEVEL: \$5,000.00

- Sponsor will be featured at all events
- Preferred placement of full page color ad in the convention album
- Prominent placement of company logo or individual/family name in the Grand Banquet Program
- Company logo or individual/family name placed on the sponsorship page in the convention album
- Prominently placed Table of 8 at the Grand Banquet
- One foursome for the Convention Golf Tournament

### PLATINUM LEVEL: \$3,000.00

- Full page color ad in the convention album
- Placement of company logo or individual/family name in the Grand Banquet Program
- Company logo or individual/family name placed on the sponsorship page in the convention album
- Four (4) tickets to the Grand Banquet
- One twosome for the Convention Golf Tournament

### GOLD LEVEL: \$1,000.00

- One half page color ad in the convention album
- Placement of company logo or individual/family in the Grand Banquet Program
- Company logo or individual/family name placed on the sponsorship page in the convention album
- Two (2) tickets to the Grand Banquet

### SILVER LEVEL: \$500.00

- Placement of company logo or individual/family name in the Grand Banquet Program
- Company logo or individual/family name placed on the sponsorship page in the convention album
- Two (2) tickets to the Scholarship Luncheon



# WRDC 2016 - ANAHEIM CA

## JUNE 23-25, 2016



### AHEPA Family Western Regional District Convention

#### Districts 17, 20, 21 and 22

Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel Anaheim - Orange County, CA

**Registration Deadline: May 15, 2016**

**No refunds will be given on any WRDC 2016 registration or events after May 15, 2016**

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AHEPA DELEGATE (ALTERNATE) NAME	DISTRICT/CHAPTER#
DOP DELEGATE (ALTERNATE) NAME	DISTRICT/CHAPTER#
SOP/MOA DELEGATE (ALTERNATE) NAME	DISTRICT/CHAPTER#
ADDRESS	WORK PHONE -
CITY/STATE/ZIP	HOME PHONE -
EMAIL	PLANNED ARRIVAL DATE
	Staying at Convention Hotel?

**Quantity registrations for multiple AHEPA family members "at same address", use separate forms if this does not apply**

Convention Registration Packages & Tickets	Cost/Person	Total Cost
<b>AHEPA/DAUGHTERS Delegates &amp; Alternates Registration Package</b> Includes: Welcome Night, Glendi, Scholarship Luncheon & Gala Banquet Scholarship Luncheon Meal Choice ( <i>circle choices please</i> ) Chicken Vegetarian Gala Banquet Meal Choice Beef Tender Loin Halibut Vegetarian	<b>\$190</b> \$225 - (After May 15, 2016)	
<b>GUEST Package</b> Includes: Welcome Night, Glendi, Scholarship Luncheon & Gala Banquet Scholarship Luncheon Meal Choice ( <i>circle choices please</i> ) Chicken Vegetarian Gala Banquet Meal Choice Beef Tender Loin Halibut Vegetarian	<b>\$170</b> \$225 - (After May 15, 2016)	
<b>SONS OF PERICLES &amp; MAIDS OF ATHENA Registration Package</b> Includes: Welcome Night, Glendi, and Scholarship Luncheon Scholarship Luncheon Meal Choice ( <i>circle choice please</i> ) Chicken Vegetarian	<b>\$100</b> \$125 - (After May 15, 2016)	

Individual Event Purchase	Cost/Person	Total Cost
<b>Welcome Night - <u>Thursday June 23, 2016 6:30pm</u></b>	<b>\$ 25</b> \$35 - (After May 15, 2016)	
<b>Glendi - <u>Friday June 24, 2016</u></b>	<b>\$ 60</b> \$65 - (After May 15, 2016)	
<b>Scholarship Awards Luncheon - <u>Saturday June 25, 2016</u></b> <i>(circle choice please)</i> Chicken Vegetarian	<b>\$ 55</b> \$75 - (After May 15, 2016)	
<b>Banquet - <u>Saturday June 25, 2016</u></b> <i>(circle choice please)</i> Beef Tender Loin Halibut Vegetarian	<b>\$ 100</b> \$125 - (After May 15, 2016)	
Please enclose check payable to <b>AHEPA WRDC 2016</b> <b>Mail check &amp; registration form to:</b> AHEPA WRDC 2016, Attn: Carol Stathopoulos, Treasurer 3065 E. Packard Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85298		<b>Total Enclosed</b>

**NOTE: Hotel Reservations - Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Anaheim - Orange County Phone # 714-634-4500**  
**Include Discount Code - AHE - in Phone, E-Mail or On-line Hotel Reservation Request**  
*The special room rate will be available until May 20<sup>th</sup> or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.*



# AHEPA FAMILY

## 2016 WRDC CONVENTION

### Advertising Opportunities

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The **AHEPA Family** Western Regional District Convention will be held June 23-25, 2016 in Anaheim, CA. This convention will bring together the delegates of the four Western U.S. Districts of the Order of AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and the Maids of Athena. This means a gathering of over 400 delegates and their families from the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

In the event you are not familiar with the AHEPA Family, we are a philanthropic fraternal organization with chapters around the globe, encompassing the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), the Daughters of Penelope, the Sons of Pericles, and the Maids of Athena. The attached document provides additional information about our organization. You can also visit our websites <http://www.ahepa.org/> and <http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/>

What does this convention mean for you? **Opportunity!** Opportunity for you to let us advertise your personal or business support in our expanded Convention Album or to show your support by sponsoring an event or funding a project. There are several options available.

**Expanded Convention Album:** Advertise your Business, Congratulate an Achievement, Memorialize an AHEPA Family Member, Encourage our Youth and their Chapters, Salute a Veteran, Honor a Friend, Make an Announcement, Support a Cause

**Sponsor an event:** Opening Ceremonies Reception, Hospitality Suite, Greek Night Glendi, Combined Scholarship Luncheon, Youth Dance, Golf Tournament, Grand Banquet

**Fund a Project:** Periclean Award, District AHEPAN of the Year, District Penelope of the Year, New Chapter Recognition, Delegate Gift Bags, Delegate Supplies

Our Convention Album, along with your message or advertisement, will be placed in the hands of every AHEPA Family delegate attending the 2016 Western Regional District Convention. Event and project sponsors also will be offered space within the album. This means long-range exposure and distribution for minimal cost!

Please join us for a wonderful convention with your personal or business ad in our Convention Album or by sponsoring an event or project. Your support will be gratefully acknowledged.

#### Album Co-Chairs

**Beverly Rose Kennedy**

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**Wynn Storton**

Phn (760) 832-2825

***Convention Album Contract Attached – Please complete and return***



# WRDC 2016 - ANAHEIM CA



## Convention Album / Sponsorship Contract

**Ads & sponsorships must be paid in full by May 15, 2016 to guarantee advertising placement**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ District Number \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**All ads are full color - Please contact Bev Kennedy for premium pages (back cover, inside front/inside back and centerfold) availability and cost.**

Full Page - \$175 \_\_\_\_\_ Half Page - \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Periclean award recipient ½ Page special rate recognition \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Nick Edwards Award recipient ½ Page special rate recognition \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit ad electronically to: [program@ahepa-wrdc.org](mailto:program@ahepa-wrdc.org) ... or use back of form to clearly print verbiage for ad

### Sponsor Level:

\$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$3000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$5000 \_\_\_\_\_

Gift of Merchandise (to be recognized at 50% of retail value):

\_\_\_\_\_

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**(You will be contacted regarding your sponsorship / gift)**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AHEPA WRDC 2016**

**MAIL CONTRACT, PAYMENT AND COPY OF AD TO**

**Beverly Kennedy 1628 Snyder Avenue, Modesto, CA 95356 Phone (209) 815-6052**

**SUBMIT AD COPY ELECTRONICALLY TO: [PROGRAM@AHEPA-WRDC.ORG](mailto:PROGRAM@AHEPA-WRDC.ORG)**

### Copy and Contract Regulations:

- All copy and advertisements are subject to approval of the Convention Committee. Committee approval shall not relieve advertiser of its obligation to defend and indemnify as provided below.
- E-Mailed photos in PDF, TIF or JPG format are preferred. Otherwise, photos must be glossy finished. (Resolution 300 DPI Minimum)
- **All payments and materials must be received by the deadline of May15 2016 for guaranteed placement in album.**
- The advertiser agrees to protect, defend and indemnify AHEPA WRDC 2016, its individual members and the publisher against any claim based on libelous statements, unauthorized use of photographs or other material, or any other matter based on or used within the advertiser's ad.



# Peter Clentzos Memorial Abba Zaba Hubba Hubba Western Ahepa Golf Classic



TO BENEFIT THE AHEPA FAMILY  
DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATIONS



**Thursday June 23, 2016  
Black Gold Golf Course  
1 Black Gold Drive  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886**



**Golf Package: \$150 per golfer**

**Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Range Balls, Box Lunch, Tee Prizes**

**Check In: 10:30 Putting Contest: 11:15 Shotgun Start: 12:00**

**Reception following golf at Black Gold**

**WRDC Welcome night to follow at the Double Tree Anaheim, CA**

***All golf registrations payments must be received by 6-9-2016***

***Sponsorship's must be paid in full by May 15, 2016 to guarantee advertising placements***

***No refunds will be given after May 15, 2016 on all WRDC 2016 registrations or events***

***Payments can be made on website: AHEPA-WRDC.org \*\*Fees apply***

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## 2016 AHEPA SUPREME CONVENTION

The 94th Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention is right around the corner and we've put together this information sheet to help answer any questions you may have about getting to Las Vegas.

### **WHEN:**

July 24th – July 30th

### **WHERE:**

The Mirage  
3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89109  
800 – 374 - 9000

**ROOM RATE:** AHEPA has secured an incredibly affordable room rate of \$90 per night (plus tax and resort fee) for convention attendees. It is available by telling reservation staff that you are with the AHEPA group when making your reservations.

The AHEPA room rate EXPIRES June 24, 2016, so book ASAP!

### **BOOK ONLINE:**

Members can book their rooms online by visiting:

[https://aws.passkey.com/  
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### **OTHER FAQ:**

#### **WHEN DO I NEED TO BE THERE?**

Registration opens at 9am Monday, July 25th. The election of convention officers, business sessions, and Opening Ceremonies will take place on Monday.

#### **WHERE DO I FLY INTO?**

McCarran International Airport (LAS)

#### **IS THERE SHUTTLE SERVICE TO THE HOTEL?**

Several companies offer shuttle service to and from McCarran International Airport (approximately \$7.00 per person). Signs are posted on the transportation level at the airport outside baggage claim which will direct you to the shuttle area.

Please remember that the room rate is only guaranteed through June 24th. Make sure to tell the hotel you are with AHEPA in order to secure this rate. If you have any issues, please call AHEPA headquarters at 202-232-6300.

AHEPA Delegates should be elected in the chapters in March, April and May of this year. All Delegate forms are required to be into AHEPA headquarters no later than midnight June 1. Only paid members can be seated as delegates so please make sure your chapter has sent in your dues.

[See you in Las Vegas!](#)

## *An Invitation*

Governor Bill Anton still has deep connections. That being said how many within District 21 would like to have another GREAT day at the races? The usual cost for an event like this is \$75.00. This price includes; buffet, turf club, entrance fee, programs and valet parking. Our price will be \$35.00. I have reserved May 21st as our day.

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  
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## **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.

## St. George Parish Raises Funds to Rebuild St. Nicholas at Ground Zero Fresno, California



Central California TV Personality and AHEPA Member Kopi Sotiropulos  
At the Rebuild St. Nicholas Information Booth  
August 2015

The 2015 Food Festival at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Fresno, California was used as a backdrop to raise funds in support of the Rebuild St. Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero. The annual event is attended by approximately 25,000 residents of Fresno and adjoining central valley communities in late August. Recognizing the importance of the Rebuild St. Nicholas project, Father James Pappas along with the church's Board of Directors, Festival Committee, Chapter 151 of the Order of AHEPA, Leto Chapter 71 of the Daughters of Penelope, and Philoptochos Chapter 4008 participated in the fund raising event by staffing an Information and Education booth during the three day event. Kopi Sotiropulos, KMPH 26 Co Host of the Great Day TV program and member of AHEPA Chapter 151 provided some great public awareness of the project.

The Information Booth exhibited interior and exterior architectural renderings of the facility along with a continuously running video of the Shrine at Ground Zero from various angles. Handouts provided by the New York Archdiocese were used to disseminate information on the rebuilding effort.

A portion of admission fees combined with donation jars located at refreshment and food booths were collected. Portions of the proceeds were divided among the above mentioned organizations who will forward the funds through their respective national foundations. The remaining proceeds will be forwarded directly to the Rebuild St. Nicholas Project in New York on behalf of the St. George Parishioners of Fresno and adjoining communities.

## Ahepa Chapter 151, Fresno

by Robert Sexton, PSG

### The Sons of Pericles on the Rebound!

For the first time in nearly thirty years, the Sons of Pericles held a group initiation in Fresno, adding five new members to the roster. While they joined the Stockton chapter, four of the initiates are from Fresno. They are Michael Salazar, Bassel Khoury, Jared Simonian and Alex Mazare. The fifth from Stockton is Anthony Tounou. Fresno now has five members. Three more are needed to reactivate Fresno chapter 137, which went inactive around 1983. Stockton chapter 207 is currently the only active chapter in District 21. The initiation was performed as part of the coffee hour at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Fresno, hosted by Robert Sexton PSG and Helen Sexton PDG. Two of their grandsons are now Sons of Pericles.

**Top photo** - JD Salazar administering the oath. We did this in public (not the complete initiation) and it made quite an impression on all the parents present. They all wanted copies for future reference.

**Middle photo** - Garrett Buck, Michael Salazar (new member), Tom Chiarchianis PDG, Bob Sexton PSG, JD Salazar. Michael and JD are my two older grandsons. The third, Demetri is scheduled for initiation in 2022.



**Sons of Pericles Chapter 207.** (l-r) Michael Salazar, Bassel Khoury, Jared Simonian, JD Salazar, Stockton AHEPA President Garret Buck, President Vasili Karapanos, Secretary Dean Koutsoulis, Anthony Tounou, Alex Mazare, Vice President Matthew Mourad, District Advisor Tom Chiarchianis PDG, Sons Advisor Paolo Moriani and Robert Sexton PSG.

## Leto Chapter 71, Fresno

by Cyndi Boukidis

Leto Chapter Chapter of Fresno held their annual Christmas Party on December 6th. Fourteen members received their service pins.



Pictured are: L to R: Dorothy Papangellin (25 year Pin), Anne Kossaras (65 year pin), Irene Guidi (40 year Pin), Evelyn T. Boosalis (30 year pin), Helen Sexton (40 year Pin), Eleni Rockas (50 year pin), Noulia Pappas (35 year pin), Helen Stavros (25 year pin), Mary Alfieris (President, presenting pins).

Not present and not pictured are: Erini Papadakis (65 year pin), Sophia Nicolaou (65 year pin), Dorothy Soles (65 year pin), Connie Triantis (45 year pin), Joyce Souza (35 yearpin), Cindy Radoumis (25 year pin).

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For more information, details and application go to: [www.ahepa.org/programs](http://www.ahepa.org/programs)

## San Jose AHEPA Family

### "Koukla's Corner"

by Andrea Papa



#### Wine Tasting Event

A perfect conclusion to the month of Love. The Daughter's of Penelope Daphne 29 had their annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser Event on Saturday February 20th. With over 40 guests at the beautiful Almaden Valley home of the Skordilis family we are excited

to announce that we raised over \$1,000 for victims of Domestic Violence. In honor and memory of our lost too soon angel Alessandra Barlas. Our mission statement for this event was "LOVE yourself and take a stand against Domestic Violence", with red painted across the room in roses, hearts, and red velvet bundtins, a LOVE inspired theme.



We enjoyed wonderful European wines presented by Shaji and Vjna Matthews of Sierra Nevada Imports, and a delicious spread of appetizers and desserts to compliment the wines. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this event, it was a very nice and successful night. Now we welcome you to join us Saturday April 16th for our Annual Cioppino Dinner Fundraiser in San Jose. See you there!

### Happy Spring!

The rain Gods finally answered our prayers this Winter and now it's time for sunshine and to prepare for Easter and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with prayer, sacrifice, reflection, A LOT of food, family, friends, and LOVE. Since getting married two years ago, I've taken over the tradition of having the family over after the Resurrection service on Holy Saturday. We dress the table beautifully with our fancy china and linens, get olives, feta cheese, strawberries, Sweet & Spicy Good Earth Tea (our family favorite), and of course there is some cooking and baking (tsoureki) involved. Last year I took on the mayiritsa soup for the first time, minus the lamb eyes, heart, and liver, I kept it simple for my sanity. Amazingly, I survived and everyone loved it. Yes! I did it. Something so sacred as a cultural family tradition, there is so much pressure to conquer and not let down. Which brings me to my topic for this issue, Tradition. What does tradition mean to us as AHEPANS and is it okay to modify our traditions to fit our current lifestyles? Just as I modified the recipe for the mayiritsa soup to suite my comfort level, is it okay to modify the structure of our organization? Our meetings? From what I've seen in the past two years, the answer is YES! We will never forget where we came from as an organization, but as the world changes so must we. With technology bringing so many new opportunities and modern conveniences we must embrace these changes with open arms and use these tools to our advantage. Living in a fast pace Silicon Valley, time is always a struggle. There just never seems to be enough of it, which affects our organization in the sense that individuals are spread thin and unable to commit to attend events and even meetings. By modifying the structure of our meetings and making them shorter, less formal and businesslike and more of a positive planning social get together, we are opening our doors to more members. The last thing hard working women and men want to do after a long day at work is go to another business meeting. So as a District, I challenge all of you this Spring to embrace our Traditions and respect them, but don't be afraid to modify them to fit your needs and support success in your chapters. Thanks for reading, until next time. Have a blessed Pascha. Wish me luck on my soup this year. Filakia!

*Wine tasting event photos on next 2 pages*





Event Host Cassandra (Nicholas) Skordilis, center, with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fotopoulos



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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.

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### *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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