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Golden Gate District 21 Convention

Zioulas and Vasilogiorgis Elected Golden Gate District 21 Governors



George Zioulas was elected Order of Ahepa Golden Gate District 21 Governor at the 83rd Annual Golden Gate District #21 Convention held this past June in Santa Clara, California. Zioulas is a member of Silicon Valley Chapter

#251 and served the past two years as AHEPA Golden Gate District #21 Lt. Governor.

Foula Vasilogiorgis, who was elected Daughters of Penelope District 21 Governor, is a member of Eos #1 Chapter of San Francisco. She served as District #21 Lt. Governor of the Daughters of Penelope this past year.



Congratulations and best wishes to Brother George and Sister Foula on their journey in 2017-2018.

Please read their messages on pages 3 and 4.

Supreme Convention - Orlando, Florida

Carl Holister of Mason, Ohio Elected Supreme President.

Eva Jean Fomalont of Albuquerque, New Mexico Elected Grand President.

George Booras of Danvile, California was reelected Supreme Governor

The Supreme Convention was held at the Walt Disney Resort and Beach Club Hotel the last week in July.

More Supreme Convention information and photos on pages 11, 12 and 13.

GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - SAN JOSE Hosted by the San Jose Ahepa Family

See page 6 for details & registration form

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

LAKE MERCED GOLF CLUB - SAN FRANCISCO
Hosted by the Mother Chapter Eos #1

See page 7 for details & registration form

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AHEPA District Governor's Message



Sisters, Brothers:

It is an honor and privilege to be elected the 67th District #21 Governor. I want to thank the delegates of the Convention for placing their trust and support in me to lead the District in the coming year.

I would also like to thank Sister Bev Kennedy and Brother Bill Anton, for working tirelessly the last two years as District Governors for the good of the Order.

It is my pleasure to announce that this year we completed the second phase of the St Nicholas Ranch Dormitory renovation. This was an ambitious project the District undertook, but with the help of the past Governors we were able to raise over \$100,000. I was delighted to see so many sisters and brothers contributing another \$7,500 towards the third and final phase of the project in an impromptu fund-raiser at the District Convention. District 20 has contacted me and they would like to raise the rest of the money. Hopefully, we will have the project completed by next summer.

The District Convention in San Jose was wonderful. Big thanks to Silicon Valley and Daphne Chapters for hosting the event. This year we were honored by the presence of Supreme President Zachariades, Grand President Spanos and MOA Grand President Charnas. Three Supremes in one District Convention! Brother Zachariades officiated in the initiation of the first SOP member from San Jose. The San Jose AHEPA Family is planning to start SOP and MOA chapters. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$17,000 in scholarships to High School Graduates and College students.

The National Convention at the Yacht Club Convention Center at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, was amazing and a big success. There was a lot of enthusiasm and many young members ready to lead the Organization in the coming years. The 95th anniversary of the Order was celebrated with fireworks and a "Greek Mickey Mouse". Brother Basile entertained us with his humor. The Greek Minister of Defense Panos Kammenos attended the Grand Banquet as honored guest. Carl Hollister was elected the new Supreme President.

As the end of the summer is approaching, I am looking forward to working with all of you to increase our membership and strengthen our Chapters. I hope to meet many of you during the visitations.

With brotherly regards,

George Zioulas

District #21 Governor

Daughters of Penelope District Governor's Message



Dear Sisters,

I hope all of you are having an enjoyable summer. As the 2017-2018 year begins, I would like to thank the District Convention Delegation for electing me as your Governor. I accept this position with complete dedication, honor, humility, and pride.

Our newly-elected District Lodge includes: Lt. Governor, Vaso Moulas; Secretary, Barbara Takanikos; Treasurer, Laurie Sahines; Marshal, Aida Nassar; Advisor, Beverly Kennedy; and Maids of Athena Advisor, Kathy Leles. Linda Belba has been appointed as our Scholarship Chair.

Congratulations to the 2017-2018 District Penelope of the Year, Dorothy Delianides from Ellis #89 in Reno, and to District Daughter of the Year, Stephanie Tsanas, also from the Reno chapter.

Congratulations are extended to our newly-elected AHEPA Governor, George Zioulas, and his Lodge. I look forward to working together with our brothers to make it a very successful year.

A very warm and gracious "thank you" goes to the San Jose AHEPA Family for hosting this year's convention. It was well attended, and we all enjoyed ourselves.

The Supreme Convention was held in Orlando, Florida on July 24-30.

Our warmest congratulations to our newly-elected Grand Lodge Officers. They are: Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand President; Demi Thomas, Grand Vice President; Celia Kachmarski, Grand Secretary; and Kathy Bizoukas, Grand Treasurer. Special congratulations to Marianthi Treppiedi from Firwood District 22, who was elected Grand Governor of Zone IV and will be our District 21 Liaison. I've known Marianthi for many years, and I look forward to introducing her to our sisters.

The 2017-2018 National Penelope of the Year recipient is Barbara Maligas of Houston, Texas.

Growth and Expansion Awards for 2016-2017 were presented at the Supreme Convention in Florida. We are delighted that our own District 21 received the 3rd place trophy for the most members. In addition, there were 195 chapters that qualified to be included in a prize drawing for the most new and reinstated members. Congratulations to Daphne Chapter #29 of San Jose for winning the top prize of \$250 in gift cards.

Grand Vice President Demi Thomas, Growth and Expansion Chairman, announced that our program for this year is "Every Sister Bring a Sister". Let's mentor our sisters and make them feel accepted.

Congratulations to our Beverly Kennedy, PDG, as a newly-elected member of the Board of Directors for the DOP Foundation.

Please save the dates: Saturday, October 28 for the Fall Conference in San Jose and Saturday, November 18 for the annual Founder's Day Luncheon hosted by EOS #1.

Communication is key in today's world; therefore, please advise me of events in your Chapter so that I may include them in my monthly bulletins as well as update your respective Chapter's page on our District website.

If there is ever anything that I can do for your Chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All members of the District Lodge look forward to meeting and chatting with you during our Chapter visitations. (Please see the proposed Visitation Schedule in this issue of the Traveler.)

My goal for the coming year is to continue our fundraising project for the AHEPA renovation project at Saint Nicholas Ranch. Together with AHEPA we raised \$100,000 which completed phases I and II. We need an additional \$80,000 to complete phase III which includes the last dorm and conference room. Alex Soles, AHEPA District 20 Governor, has stated that their District will assist us in raising money for the ranch this year.

I look forward to working together for the Good of the Order for a successful year!

Love in Theta Pi,

Foula Vasilogiorgis

District 21 Governor









AHEPA Family 2017-2018 Tentative Visitation Dates/Events for District 21 Lodges

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2017		
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23	Reno
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 4	San Francisco
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 28	San Jose (Fall Conference and Visitation)
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 11	Fresno
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 18	Daughters of Penelope Founder's Day Luncheon
2018		
SATURDAY	JANUARY 6	Walnut Creek DOP
SATURDAY	JANUARY 27	Sacramento
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 3	Stockton and Modesto
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 10	Oakland, Contra Costa, Vallejo
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 17	San Mateo
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JUNE 21-24 Western Regional District Convention (WRDC) Reno, Nevada JULY 22-29 Supreme Convention Atlantic City, New Jersey



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.



Daughters of Penelope EOS #1

Cordially invites you to our 88th

Founder's Day Luncheon

Saturday, November 18th, 2017 11:30 A.M. Reception - 12:30 P.M. Lunch

> Lake Merced Golf Club 2300 Junípero Serra Blvd. Daly Cíty, CA 94015

\$55.00 per person
Please RSVP by November 8, 2017

Reservations / Questions: Christi Tsiplakos - (650) 992-9619 May Kireopoulos - (650) 992-6415

A portion of all proceeds will be donated to "Limbitless Solutions", a non-profit organization specializing in manufacturing affordable bionic & prosthetic arms for children with disabilities.

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Print .	Name:Phone:
	Chicken Saltimbocca "or" Vegetarian Pasta (Choice includes salad, dessert and wine)
People	ame and meal choice for each person in your party. (Maximum 10 per table):
	Enclose Check \$55.00 X number of guests: \$ Make checks payable to EOS #1 and mail to: Christi Tsiplakos, 30 St. James Court, Daly City, CA 94015

IN MEMORIUM

We lost two San Francisco Golden Gate Chapter brothers this past year. Chapter President Elias (Lou) Phillips and Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Paul Eliopoulos who was also a Past Supreme Governor and Past District Governor. They will be missed. May their memories be eternal!



Paul G. Eliopoulos

Paul, 89, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 8, 2017.

Paul's parents immigrated from Greece and he was born and raised in San Francisco. After graduating from high school, Paul worked with his father in the family owned Athens Candy and Ice Cream Shop in North Beach. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the

University of San Francisco. In 1963 he met and fell in love with his wife, Sophia. A few months after meeting, Paul took his first airplane flight to Wisconsin to ask for her hand in marriage. They were married August 17, 1963 and settled in San Rafael. Paul proudly worked in the Auditor Controller's office at the County of Marin for 34 years.

Paul was an active member of the Native Sons, Masons, Elks, Turtles and AHEPA. He was passionate about the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). As a leader in the AHEPA organization, he was elected to several positions at the Chapter, District and Supreme Lodge level. He served as Secretary/Treasurer for the San Francisco chapter for over 40 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Sophia. His daughters, Mary Kay Stratigos (Spiro), and their children Niko and Sophia, and daughter Irene Starling (Eric), their children Alex, James and Alena and his sister Garifalia Zeissig. He will be remembered for his smile, gentle way, love of family and Hellenism.



Elias (Lou) Philips

Surrounded by his loving family after a short bout with cancer. A native San Franciscan, the youngest of four siblings. he graduated from Washington High in 1953, where he played varsity baseball, soccer, and basketball. He represented the Sons of Pericles as President during the 1955 National AHEPA Convention Olympics, where he ran the mile and carried the



torch up the steps of City Hall to present the torch to Mayor Robenson, nearly burning the mayor's hair in the process.

A U.S. Army veteran, protecting his country in Monterey and Colorado. A proud Greek-American, Lou was a lifelong AHEPA member, serving as President of the local chapter. Lou worked most of his life as a member of Teamster Local 226, first at the Spreckels Dairy at Duboce and Mission and then in the service of the teamster members as Local 226's Business Agent/President. Once retired, Lou and Debbie left the fogbound Sunset District for the sunny confines of Marin, where he was finally able to grow tomatoes and veggies in his garden. He joined the Elks Lodge #1108 in San Rafael, where he served as Treasurer for 20 years. Known for his white mane and genuine nature, he volunteered in the community. An avid traveler, Lou took all of his grandchildren on a special trip, usually to Europe, or to visit old relatives in Greece. He liked chauffering and enjoyed watching all of his grandchildren play sports and was their biggest fan. His family looked forward to his cooked specialties, Kourabiedes, Dolmades and Avgolemeno.

Lou is preceded in death by his parents Demetrious and Varvara, natives of Kassos Greece and his siblings Philip, Sophia and Nicholas. Lou is survived by his wife of 58 years, Deborah Marie, his children James (Maria Jose), Pamela (Kerry), Nicholas, Sean (Kelly). Papou to Sabrina (Jason), Kerry, Nicole Almudena, Sophia, Marissa, Connor, and Timothy. Numerous nieces, nephews, countless friends and his faithful dog Bandit.

San Francisco Golden Gate Chapter #150 With District Lodge 2017





Modeling AHEPA Parade Costume circa 1950-60

AHEPA Ramily District 21 Project

AHEPA & DOP Chapters

ST. NICHOLAS RANCH BOYS DORM RENOVATION PROJECT

Total project cost \$ 180,000

Completed Phases I & II - consisting of two dorm rooms - at cost of \$100,000

Remaining goal of \$ 80,000 to complete third dorm section (\$50K) and conference room (\$30K)

Your generous contributions will help us reach our Phase III and Phase IV goals.



Individual, corporate or group donations welcomed and appreciated.

Please make checks payable to Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco - indicate AHEPA Dorm Project in memo

Hand checks to Chapter President ... or mail to Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

\$ 180,000 Total Goal

\$ 100,000 Achieved

Carl Holister Elected AHEPA Supreme President



Supreme President Holister second from left with wife Cynthia and Zack Space

ORLANDO, FLA. - The delegates of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (Order of AHEPA), the leading association for the nation's millions of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes, elected Carl Hollister, of Mason, Ohio, Supreme President at the 95th Annual Supreme Convention, Orlando, Fla. Hollister ran unopposed in elections that were held July 28, 2017. Formal installation ceremonies were held July 29, 2017. "It is an honor and privilege to be elected AHEPA Supreme President," Hollister said. "My sincere appreciation is given to the convention delegates who placed their support and trust in me to lead this vibrant, venerable, and unique organization in the coming year." "The need to provide community service is never ending, both in the United States and abroad. I am eager to work with the Supreme Lodge, and our membership, to address this challenge, as well as others that may come our way," he said. "Of course, the promotion of Hellenic ideals will always be a priority for AHEPA, and I pledge to keep AHEPA on a steady path set forth by my predecessors with a spirit that is true to our mission." for his hospitality as well as for his warm speech during the celebrations for the 95th anniversary of AHEPA. The delegates' comments on the AHEPA Facebook page speak for themselves.

Biography

Hollister is a member of Chapter 209, Middletown, Ohio. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions, including most recently, supreme secretary and as an executive board member on the AHEPA National Housing Corporation. As supreme president, Hollister's responsibilities include being the chief executive officer, and principal spokesperson, of the entire AHEPA domain, which includes the United States, Canada, and chapters in Europe.

Hollister is president of L.M. Kohn & Company, an Investment Advisory and Brokerage firm in Cincinnati, Ohio, managing 60 branch offices with more than \$3.5 billion in client assets. With more than 20 years of experience in the Securities Industry, the supreme president holds a Master's Degree in Finance from Webster University and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Grove City College.

In addition, Hollister is a retired U.S. Army Major with 21 years of active and reserve service, of which, 17 years were in Special Operations with tours of duty in Central America and Central Asia. As commander of the Khost Provincial Reconstruction Team, Afghanistan, he was awarded the Bronze Star in 2005 for distinguished achievement. Hollister received noteworthy accolades in the Book "Counterinsurgency in Eastern Afghanistan 2004-2008" authored by Robert Kemp.

Hollister, his wife, Cynthia, and daughter, Alexandra, are members of Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Middletown, where he served as parish council president. Cynthia is a Daughters of Penelope Past District 11 Governor and Alexandra currently is Maids of Athena District 11 Governor. The supreme president is proud of his Ikarian heritage and is a cousin of former U.S. Representative Zack Space of Ohio.

Eva Jean Fomalont Elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President



Grand President Eva Jean is currently Vice President of Sales at Benefit Source in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is a 52 year member in the Daughters of Penelope and a proud mother of three daughters and five grandchildren.

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

Grand Vice President Demi Thomas of Ridgewood, NJ;

Grand Secretary Celia Kachmarski of Calgary, AB, Canada;

Grand Treasurer Kathy Bizoukas of Munster, IN;

Grand Governor Zone I Georgette Boulegeris of Bedminster, NJ;

Grand Governor Zone II Stella Sirks of Orlando, FL;

Grand Governor Zone III Demi Cross of Cheyenne, WY;

Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi of Spokane, WA;

Grand Governor Zone V Dimitra Vassilas of Vancouver, BC, Canada;

Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Charrie Regopoulos of Spingsboro, OH

2017-2018 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge



Front Row L to R: Grand Secretary Celia Kachmarski, Grand Vice President Demi Thomas, Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, and Grand Treasurer Kathy Bizoukas.

Back Row L to R: Grand MOA Advisor Charrie Regopoulos, Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi, Grand Governor Zone III Demi Cross, Grand Governor Zone I Georgette Boulegeris, and Grand Governor Zone II Stella Sirks

2017 Supreme Convention July 24 to 30 Walt Disney World Resort Orlando, Florida

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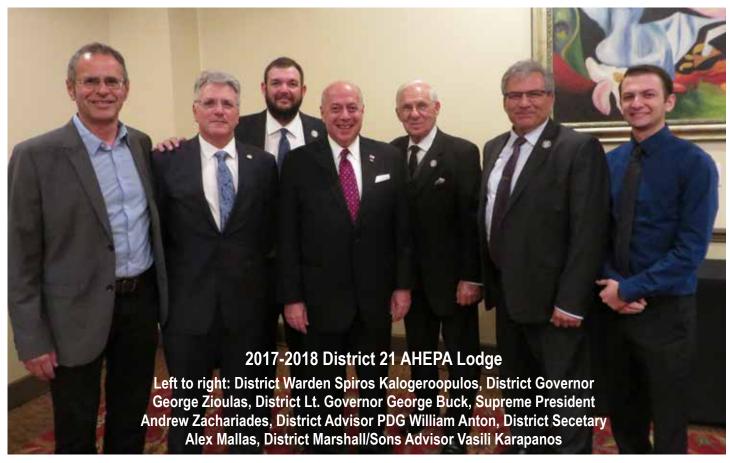












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Supreme President administrating oath to new Sons of Pericles member Dan Deamant with DG Bill Anton holding Bible.



Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena showing their Greek Dancing skills at the District Convention





AHEPA VETERANS REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Eligibility requirement for AHEPA Medal for Military Service includes Honorable Service and Discharge. Service includes Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve status of the United States Armed Forces. REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.AHEPA.ORG. 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.

Go to the following links to learn more and make a chapter or individual donation for as little as \$10

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