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# It's that time of year . . . . . .



## 2017 AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION

The 95th 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 Orlando.

#### WHEN:

July 24th – July 30th *WHERE:* Disney's Yacht and Beach Club Resort Orlando, Florida

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See page 11 for more info and www.ahepa.org



## 2017 AHEPA FAMILY DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 85th Annual Golden Gate District Convention is just a few days away. If you have not made your arrangements go to page 6 for all the details or www.ahepa21.org.

#### WHEN:

June 23rd – June 25th WHERE:

Biltmore Hotel and Suites 2151 Laurelwood Road Santa Clara, CA 95054 1 800 255-9925

See pages 5-10 for more info and www.ahepa21.org

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Final Message from your Governor:

Here we are with my last message after two great years as your District Governor. There is much to be said about the experience and the honor the office afforded me during my terms. The best of the time was as Lt. Governor working as an Assistant Chairman with Tom Chiarchianis and Kathy Leles. With the generous assistance of many officers within our District, it resulted in an extremely successful and profitable convention. Consequently, the naysayers and negative individuals within the Grand Lodge who said, "it couldn't be done," may now realize when you work together in a positive way, and for the good of the Organization, much can be accomplished.

After becoming District Governor, Tom and I took on the restoration project of the Saint Nicholas Ranch. To date we have completed two of the needed three phases. Our soon to be new D.G. will certainly allow Tom and I to continue our positions as operation managers of the project until its completion. A special thank you to all of you out there who donated time and money to this project.

I wish to send a SPECIAL thank you to the DOP Governor Beverly Kennedy for her part in the raffles and other fund raising challenges. Bev did a fantastic job of putting the girls to work and earning money for the St. Nicholas project. Thank you, ladies, excellent job!

Bev and I were a real cool twosome, and thoroughly enjoyed working in sync together and having the best times at all the events we attended. I thought we were a total dual comedy act at the chapter visitations. I hope the chapters appreciated the humor we brought to those not so invigorating meetings. A special thank you to the chapters that hosted the visitations and conference. The love of the AHEPA Family exemplifies the reality of our organization.

I have many kudos to extend, however, I will do that at the convention in Santa Clara. I will say good bye at this point and see you at the convention.

WILLIAM L. ANTON District Governor #21

## Daughters of Penelope District Governor's Message



#### The Month of June and the Season of Summer – Endings and New Beginnings

- District 21 Convention and the Supreme Convention
- Elections of New Chapter, District and National Officers
- New ideas
- New energy
- Vacations, relaxation and time to enjoy life

As I write my last Traveler article it's hard to believe that two years have gone by so quickly. It seemed to be a whirlwind of conventions, conferences, visitations and chapter events that required hard work by everyone involved but were productive, rewarding and fun.

I am proud of the many ways our D 21 Chapters raise awareness about our great organization ... joining the fight against domestic violence and human trafficking, supporting music and the arts, contributing Hellenic-based books to local libraries, donating to medical research programs, and helping the poor and homeless, just to name a few. Chapters raise funds to support these causes through wine tastings, shopping events, crab fests, cioppino dinners, potlucks, luncheons, bake sales, fun walks, etc.

The efforts put forth by our Chapters to grow membership, collect unpaid dues, improve communications, support our scholarship program and advance our D 21 special project are evident and appreciated.

**St. Nicholas Ranch Dorm Renovation Project** – Over the last two years our District has worked hard to realize the completion of Phase I and Phase II of the Boy's dorm renovation. The transformation of two-thirds of the dorm building is remarkable ... new electrical and plumbing, bathrooms, flooring, windows, doors and paint. We can all be proud of the progress we've made to date. Our challenge for the coming year is to raise funds to complete the third dorm section (Phase III) and then the conference room (Phase IV). While our brother AHEPANs contributed the lion's share of the \$100,000 raised for the first two phases, I remain confident that our Daughters will continue to work toward completion of this important District 21 project. Every dollar counts!

**District 21 Convention** – I hope you will all make a special effort to attend the District 21 Convention and take an active part in the deliberations and decisions. Delegates and participation are the keys to the success of any convention. Beyond the business meetings, District 21 scholarships will be awarded during Saturday's luncheon ... always an uplifting event ... and the evening social gatherings will provide a venue to relax and enjoy the company of friends old and new.

I have truly enjoyed serving as your District Governor this past year. My love and gratitude to our District Lodge officers – Foula Vasilogiorgis, Vaso Moulas, Cat Andrews, Aida Nassar and Kathy Leles – along with Scholarship Chairman Mary Gavrilis and the 500+ Sisters in District 21 for all your encouragement, guidance, support and strong efforts to achieve growth and improvement.

I also extend my gratitude to AHEPA District 21 Governor Bill Anton, the AHEPA District Lodge and members throughout the District for their kindness and support. It has been a pleasure to work with Bill during the past two years in our joint effort to become a stronger and more cohesive AHEPA Family. Our friendship even survived a 16-hour and nearly 1,000-mile road trip in 110+ temperatures to last year's Supreme Convention in Las Vegas!

As I join the ranks of the PDGs at the end of June, I am confident that our organization will thrive in the coming years under strong and dedicated leaders. I encourage each of you to increase your participation from chapter through national levels. Let's celebrate our successes and encourage new ideas ... and whatever we do or wherever we go, we should do and go with all our heart!

My very best wishes to each of you and your loved ones for safe travels, a great summer and success in the coming year!

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



## **GOLDEN MOMENTS BRING GOLDEN MEMORIES**

by Jan Spanos, Daughters of Penelope Grand President

As I take to my desk to compose this article, I am at once again as I am very often reminded, that I am so fortunate to be a member of ARTEMIS CHAPTER 5 in GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21 in the GOLDEN STATE of CALIFORNIA, where we honor our bonds in the AHEPA family and to one another as our lives have become interwoven through the years.

We have been witness to many amazing and truly life changing aspects of our lives in our District. Be it in industry, education, technology, government or life style, we have partnered with our individual communities to give not only a hand out but most importantly a hand up to those less fortunate, the in-firmed, the disenfranchised, our retuning military, our schools and our libraries, our aged and our places of worship. We have met our civic responsibilities and become better people because of it.

The Daughters of Penelope globally are leading the parade in volunteerism and aid to humanity. We fight; against human trafficking, against abuse (physical, mental and emotional including bullying), we fight for women's rights, for equal pay for equal work, for extended family leave compensation, for greater educational opportunities; and the list goes on.

San Francisco in GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT, is where on November 16, 1929, the founder of the Daughters of Penelope, Alexandra Apostolides and 6 of her close friends, met and gave birth to GOLDEN DREAM, of empowering women and through them their children and communities to better lives.

How fortunate for all of us in the AHEPA family that a tiny woman whose thinking was light years ahead of her time, was so moved by the plight of immigrant families that she put into action a movement that has not only endured for nearly 88 years, truly a GOLDEN MOMENT in history, but has broadened with each passing year.

So as always I ask that we honor the compassion of those first seven women of the Daughters of Penelope and ASPIRE to Keep Alexandra's Dream Alive.

Alexandra's GOLDEN DREAM can only persevere with our continued passion and full participation in our individual chapters and communities which in turn will continue to provide GOLDEN MOMENTS and everlasting GOLDEN MEMORIES.



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Host Chapters: Silicon Valley AHEPA Chapter #251 and Daughters of Penelope Daphne Chapter #29

#### Dear Ahepans and Daughters,

The San Jose AHEPA family is delighted to host the 2017 District Convention. We are looking forward to seeing all our friends and meeting new friends within the fabulous Golden Gate District 21. Here are some of the convention highlights.

**CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS:** The Biltmore Hotel and Suites is easily accessed off of highway 101 in Santa Clara located close by Levi Stadium, home of the San Francisco Forty Niners, Great America Theme Park and several major Silicon Valley Companies. Room rates are very reasonable and include a hot buffet breakfast. The regular rooms, starting at \$99 + taxes per night, are located in a two story building. The suites, starting at \$109 + taxes per night, are in multi-floor tower. Facilities include a pool, restaurant, workout gym, free Wi-Fi and free parking. You can register by calling 1 800 255-9925 and referencing AHEPA or Booking #34145. You can also register on-line by copying and pasting this the link below in your browser and referencing Booking #34145: http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1742982&hoteIID=13370

**DELEGATE AND GUEST REGISTRATION PACKAGES:** Delegate/Alternate Registration Package \$180 after June 1, 2017 \$200. Guest Registration Package \$160 after June 1, 2017 \$180. Sons and Maids Registration Package \$100 after June 1 \$120. See registration form for additional information.

**SOCIAL EVENTS:** We are planning a **Golf Tournament** for Thursday, June 22 at Boulder Ridge Golf Club in San Jose. Open to members, guests, men and women. **Welcome Night Festivities** will held at the hotel patio area on Friday, June 23rd. The **Scholarship Luncheon** will be held at the hotel on Saturday, June 24th. **The Governor's Reception, Grand Banquet and Glendi** will be held at the hotel saturday Evening. Following dinner there will be dancing with **LIVE MUSIC** featuring the Plaka Band.

**CONVENTION ALBUM:** As with previous District Conventions we will publish a Convention Commemorative Album (In color). We invite and encourage the participation of your Chapter with the purchase of a full page ad in album. We hope you will consider including chapter group photos, events or special recognition. We welcome business advertisements, special events, memorials, special achievements, or a special message of support. See Album Contract for rates and details.

Thanking you in advance for supporting the 85th Annual Golden Gate District Convention.

#### AHEPA Silicon Valley Chapter and DOP Daphne Chapter Convention Committee

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#### **Convention Meeting and Event Schedule**

June 22 Thursday

01:00pm

Golf tournament - Boulder Ridge Golf Club, San Jose

#### June 23 Friday

08:00am-12:00am	Delegate/Alternate Registration
10:00am-12:00pm	Opening Ceremony/Joint Meeting - Napa Valley Room
12:00pm-01:30pm	Lunch (open)
01:30pm-05:00pm	Daughters of Penelope Meetings - Napa Valley Room
01:30pm-05:00pm	Order of Ahepa Meetings - San Jose Room
06:00pm-10:00pm	Welcome Night Reception - Garden Patio (weather permitting)
	Appetizers/No Host Cocktails

#### June 24 - Saturday

08:00am-09:00am	Delegate/Alternate Registration
09:00pm-12:00pm	Daughters of Penelope Meetings - Napa Valley Room
09:00pm-12:00pm	Order of Ahepa Meetings - San Jose Room
12:00pm-02:00pm	Delegate and Scholarship Awards Luncheon - Salon I and II
02:00pm-05:00pm	Daughters of Penelope Meetings - Napa Valley Room
02:00pm-05:00pm	Order of Ahepa Meetings - San Jose Room
06:00pm-07:00pm	District Governor's Reception - Location TBA
07:00pm-09:00pm	District Governor's Banquet - Saratoga Ball Room
09:00pm-12:00pm	Greek Night Glendi - Saratoga Ball Room

#### June 25 - Sunday

10:00am-11:30am	Church services St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
11:15am-11:30am	AHEPA Family Memorial and Artoklasia
11:30am-02:00pm	Coffee and Light Lunch and Fellowship.

## AHEPA FAMILY GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21 85TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

JUNE 23 - 25, 2017

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#### ALL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES MUST PAY FOR THE COMPLETE PACKAGE

<b>CONVENTION PACKAGES &amp; TICKETS</b>	COST/PERSON	NUMBER	TOTAL
AHEPA/DAUGHTERS Registration Package Includes: Registration Fee, Welcome Night, Scholarship Luncheon, Governor's Banquet and Glendi.	<b>\$180</b> \$200 (After June 1}		
<b>GUEST Package</b> Includes: Welcome Night, Scholarship Luncheon, Governor's Banquet and Glendi.	<b>\$160</b> \$180 (After June 1}		
SONS/MAIDS Registration Package Includes: Registration Fee, Welcome Night, Scholarship Luncheon.	<b>\$100</b> \$120 (After June 1}		
GOLF PACKAGE - Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Awards	\$125		
<b>CONVENTION PACKAGES &amp; TICKETS</b>	COST/PERSON	NUMBER	TOTAL
Welcome Night - Friday, June 23 Includes Appetizers	\$30		
Scholarship Luncheon - Saturday, June 24	\$50		
Governor's Banquet and Glendi - Saturday June 24 - Dinner and Dancing	\$75		
Glendi Only after 9:00 PM	\$20		
Please enclose check payable to AHEPA 251 along with this form and mail to: Cathy Photopoulos, 13774 Fortuna Court, Saratoga, CA 95070	TOTAL		

NOTE: The Hotel will accept reservations made by telephone at 1 800 255 9925 or 408 988 8411. Reference AHEPA or Booking ID #34145 when making reservations.

Room Rate \$99 or Suites \$109 per night plus taxes. Includes Hot Breakfast Buffet. Deadline: June 1, 2017



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## AHEPA FAMILY GOLF TOURNAMENT





## **GOLF CLUB AT BOULDER RIDGE**

Phone: (408) 323-9900 Address: 1000 Old Quarry Rd, San Jose, CA 95123

## Thursday, June 22, 2017 1:00 pm Shotgun Start

#### Fee: \$125

Includes green fees, shared cart, lunch, prizes and awards Format: Individual Stroke Play - Closest to the pin - Longest Drive Contests

#### About Golf Club At Boulder Ridge

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The unique character of the course comes from giant prehistoric boulders where the Ohlone Indians lived and played centuries ago and later, where settlers quarried rocks. It was rocks from this site that were used to build Stanford University and the original San Jose post office. The quarry portions of this course are rugged, intimidating and beautiful. Hit the boulders and there is no telling where the golf ball might bounce. Every round at Boulder Ridge is a special golf experience.

> To play contact Dr. Sam Photopoulos: shoto5@aol.com (Include current handicap)

> > Registration Deadline Sunday, June 18, 2017

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Please Note: In order to receive this discounted rate, you need to be a paid member of the AHEPA family. Join now at ahepa.org!



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## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Samantha Ellman Sponsor: Urania #290 (San Mateo) Undergraduate Award \$2,000 Past District Governors

Samantha (Sam) is a senior at St. Ignatius College Preparatory School with an impressive high school transcript that ranks her in the top 5% of her class. She has pursued a rigorous course of study in Honors and AP classes holding an impressive

4.38 GPA. She will be attending Boston College in the fall with a major in Environmental Sciences. An extremely involved young lady with a heart for service, Sam was selected as a delegate from her high school to attend the Ignatian Family Teach in for Justice in Washington, D.C. In the community, she has volunteered many hours for Veterans Affairs Healthcare System and First Presbyterian Church of San Mateo's Vacation Bible Camp for the past six summers. In addition, she has been a Senior Retreat Leader and Insignis for her church. She has further volunteered for Rustic Pathways Service trip to Costa Rica, Miss Unlimited Pageant working with disabled girls, and organized the collection and donation of new and used soccer equipment to Instituto Obra Social El Camelo orphanage in El Salvador. Sam's passion for service is sets her apart from many her age. In the words of College Counselor, Kevin Asbra, "While many (students) do a smattering of projects to 'complete' the (community service) requirement, Sam is definitely not one of these individuals. She is a young woman who is committed to giving back to her community."



#### Vasilios Karapanos Sponsor: Sparta #18 (Stockton) District 21 Undergraduate Scholarship \$2,000

Vasilios is currently completing his second year of college at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento with a remarkable 3.5 GPA. The next step in his path to his eventual Master's Degree in Aviation Maintenance Management is his Associate's Degree in Maintenance Technology at San Francisco City College before he will be able to finish his Bachelor's degree at San Jose State University. Vasilios' letters of recommendation speak of a strong gifted student who excels in academics yet "puts his faith, community and family above himself...while volunteering in his Greek community, and staying

true to his Orthodox faith." (Anastasia Panagakos, PhD, Professor of Anthropology). Vasilios is extremely involved in his parish of St. Basil's in Stockton serving as an acolyte and chanter as well as being devoted to their Greek Dance and Choral program as both a dancer, singer and choral director. He also directed and led his community's choral group which won first place at the 41st annual Greek Orthodox Choral and Dance Festival in San Diego. Such an accomplished young man, his greatest attribute is his humble and devoted nature. Vasilios appreciates all he has while balancing the responsibilities of home and heritage with his future dreams.

#### Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Awards continued



Veronica Pandelopoulos Sponsor: Artemis #5 (Sacramento) District 21 Undergraduate Scholarship \$2,000

Veronica is in her first year as a Kinesiology major at St. Mary's College of California, Moraga. An outstanding student in high school (National Honor Society), she is excelling in college and is seen by her professors as a student who is excited about learning, mature beyond her years and is a natural leader. Through her involvement with the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Sacramento she has been a Greek

Folk Dancer since the age of four and an instructor for the past three years (one of the youngest instructors in the 40-year history of the program), involved in GOYA for six years, assisted with the Annunciation book, blanket and coat drives, works actively with Blessings in a Backpack to provide healthy snack and supplies for local children in need, and has worked with the Annunciation Youth on the Kids n' Cancer Fundraising for six years. She will be attending the University of San Francisco with a major in biology in preparation for becoming a doctor. While an impressive resume, Veronica truly has a heart for her Greek heritage and community with a deep rooted faith and a genuine passion for helping those in need. This statement from Veronica's essay sums up her purpose and beliefs. "I can think of no better way to live my life than by the words that my Palou Spiro taught me -- M $\epsilon$  A $\pi\epsilon\iota\eta$  A $\gamma\alpha\pi\eta$  (with indefinite love)."



Megan Sullivan Sponsor: Ellis #89 (Reno) Angela Mouroufas Memorial (Undergraduate) \$2,000

Megan completed her Associates Degree in Kinesiology last fall from Central Texas College, having been selected to the College Dean's List, and is pursuing her Bachelor's Degrees as a double major in Psychology and Community Health Science – Kinesiology at University of Nevada, Reno this fall. Megan has maintained a 3.0+ GPA and also graduated from an Emergency Technician (EMT) course in August 2016, became nationally Board-certified, and holds Texas

state licensure as a Nationally Registered EMT (NREMT). Professor Reineer Schelert writes; "Already skilled in dealing with an eclectic blend of people as an EMT in trauma situations and as a Health club staff member assisting people with their personal fitness goals, I have no doubts about how Megan would excel using her education to further compliment her expertise in Kinesiology and Emergency medical training to support her future academic career goals." Growing up in a Greek community with the loving influence of her Pappou, Megan learned about the medical mission of Aesculapius and Hippocrates – these values taught her the importance of service to others and servant leadership and wishes to share these values and ethics that the Greek Orthodox Church has shown her – caring for those most in need.

#### Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Awards continued



Nora Duffy	
Sponsor: Sparta #18 (Stockton)	
In Tribute to Kathy Leles, PDG	\$1,250

A senior graduating from St. Mary's High School in Stockton, Nora has earned a 3.89 weighted GPA blending Honors and AP classes with an active involvement in journalism as Co-Editor of the school's newspaper, The Kettle. She will be attending

Loyola Marymount University in the fall majoring in Psychology. Nora is active in her parish, St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church as a participant in their Annual Greek Festival and a Greek dancer in the group Annayenisi. More impressively, Nora was the founder of the St. Basil's Local Chapter for Project Mexico. She organized and implemented a fundraising event that helped get builders and materials to Mexico to help build homes for less fortunate families. Nora also traveled there herself for two summers to help with the building. Recommender Maria Karapanos says, "Nora has a very positive attitude and naturally spreads her charisma and good nature to everyone around her." Additionally her Advanced Placement English teacher, Sharon Wortmann writes, "One of Nora's greatest gifts is her courage. In class discussions and debates, Nora was always an active participant and a voice for those who are less fortunate than she.."



Marina Kosturos Sponsor: Elis #89 (Reno) Ekaterini Tsakopoulos Memorial Graduate Scholarship

\$2,000

Marina is graduating from UC Berkeley, majoring in nutritional science, with a remarkable 3.79GPA and has been on the Deans' Honor Roll during her time at UCB. Being able to fulfill her dream, since the 5th grade, of being a dentist, Marina has been admitted to the

University of the Pacific's Arthur A. Dugoni's School of Dentistry. During her years at UCB, Marina was actively involved in a Dental Education Outreach Program and Stiles Hall Mentoring Program, in which she is a math tutor for underprivileged 4th – 6th graders in Berkeley. An outstanding student, Marina's biggest impression on her professors and supervisors was her character. Recommender Adam Heerwagen says, "Marina is one of the most likable and sincere individuals I have had the pleasure to meet in my career," and Professor Mary Lesser, R.D, Ph.D. writes, "Marina provides a shining example of what leaders can be. She is highly respected by her classmates and faculty and brings and instant energy and enthusiasm to every exchange – whether it be a simple conversation or major project." She has enjoyed growing up in a large Greek family and taught the tradition of the heritage, "I have always been immersed in the Greek lifestyle and loved it all my life. I'm proud to tell people I'm Greek." Her great-uncle Rev. Father Anthony Kostouros served the priesthood for 55 years and he greatly strengthened her love for the Greek Orthodox Church.

## ORDER OF AHEPA GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

#### Nikoletta Karapanos

#### Sponsor: Ahepa Stockton Chapter #212

#### Undergraduate Award: \$3,500

Nikoletta attends Cosumnes River College, Sacramento. She has achieved a 3.7 GPA. Her long-term desire is to receive a Ph.D. (from the UC system) and teach Anthropology at the University level. Nikoletta received the Robert E. Gross leadership award in 2016, a 'most distinguished candidate of 2016' from Lodi High School, president of Maids of Athena Chapter #278. She also lists activities such as Greek dance, Church volunteer, choir participant, and others. Rev. Fr. Panagiotis Sotiras of St.Basil Greek Orthodox Church mentions her active participation in several Church activities. The Department Chair of Political Science at Cosumnes River College mentions her as "in the top ten percent of her class," and that she has "unlimited intelligence" in addition to compassion and personal integrity.

#### Anastasia Alexander

#### Sponsor: Daughters of Penelope Phaedra Chapter #64 (Modesto)

#### Undergraduate Award: \$3,000

Anastasia is completing her third semester at Modesto Community College. Her personal essay outlines an inspiring journey to transfer to UC-Santa Barbara and become an architect. Anastasia holds a 3.7 GPA. Anastasia holds several honors and participates in many diverse activities such as basketball, editor award and yearbook editor, varsity golf, dance participant, choir member, and others. Her music teacher notes her 'very high work ethic', and overall maturity. In addition, her Parish Priest expresses her 'keen interest in the teachings and practices of our Christian Orthodox Faith', and her participation in GOYA, and Greek dance.

#### Adonia Alexander

#### Sponsor: Daughters of Penelope Phaedra Chapter #64 (Modesto)

#### Undergraduate Award: \$2,500

Adonia writes a compelling personal essay in which she outlines her journey to earn a B.S. degree in Zoology and become a veterinary medicine doctor. She holds a SAT score of 1050 and a 3.3 GPA from East Union High School. Adonia received two years of honors for the Principle's List Magna Cum Laude and is also active as a cheer-leader, theater student, track member, Link crew leader, Goya and choir participant and others. She writes well, and her two reference letters are very positive. One letter from her Parish Priest mentions Adonia as an example of sound body and sound mind, and the second from her physical education/ Link Crew teacher mentions her highly personal nature, and quite but passionate leadership skills.

#### Mariska Ilona Karaszi Sponsor: Daughters of Penelope Leto Chapter #71 (Reno) Oakland Chapter #171 Scholarship: \$2,000

Maniska is a Freshman at the University of San Francisco where her major is Chemistry In high school she achieved a 3.9 GPA. Her highly personal essay is well-written and mentions the goal of completing a B.S. degree, and thereafter perhaps attending medical school and conduct research in brain disorders (especially on autism). Maniska was ASB President for her High School, a CSF lifetime member, lead dancer, choir group award winning member, and Greek Food Festival volunteer. Mariska is a founding sister of Tri Delta fundraising for St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and other activities. Her two reference letters are very positive, one mentioning her wise balancing of studies, activities, and spiritual development, and the second identifying her "great tolerance and love toward others."

#### Peyton G. Skelaris Sponsor: Ahepa Reno Chapter #281 Undergraduate Award: \$2,000

Peyton is a true student-athlete who seeks a B.S. degree in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering. An SAT score of 1360 is listed on the application, as is a 3.8 GPA. His essay mentions multiple interests, with focus on biomedical engineering, medical school, and athletics. Peyton is an NIAA top 10 athlete of the year, a four-time academic letter awardee and honors in track, basketball, and football. He is active in the STEM program, team captain in track, field and football, volunteer at St Anthony Greek Orthodox Church and many others. His Principle mentions his daily "kindness, caring, and compassion for others", and the second reference from the Assistant Principle mentions him as a "model student" and "one of the most holistically complete student athlete."

#### **Peter Patrikios**

#### Sponsor: Ahepa Oakland Chapter #171 Undergraduate Award: \$2,000

Peter seeks an Associates Degree from Berkeley City College;his focus is political science. His higher goal is a B.A. in International Relations. He is globally oriented as evidenced by his membership in the European Union of Student Ambassadors Club, and writing reports of current trends in the EU for club meetings. He has mastered Bl modern Greek and German, and studies for B2 Greek. Peter holds a 3.8 total GPA according to his official transcripts. His two reference letters are very strong. One letter from a family friend mentions his "heart and character", care giving abilities, and strong heritage. The second letter from his City College Political Science instructor mentions his maturity and consistent "cogent arguments in class", "creative mind", and other outstanding attributes.

#### **Patrick Maragos**

#### Sponsor: Ahepa Stockton Chapter #212 Undergraduate Award: \$2,000

Patrick is completing his senior year at Ripon High School. He has been admitted to the University of the Pacific where his goal is to study for a Bachelors Degree in physics. His personal essay mentions a further goal of eventually completing a Masters Degree in Astronomy. tho no specific career goal is mentioned. Patrick's current GPA is 3.6. He received honors for his participation in soccer and in bowling (where he is a team captain and has competed nationally). He is a math tutor, volunteer for the St Basil's Greek Festival, and other civic activities. Both reference letters mention Patrick's solid mind and athletic accomplishments. One letter mentions his "model work ethic and behavior" for others, while another letter mentions him becoming "a perfect athlete and an even better person."

## San Francisco Ahepa Family

#### by Marion Parashis

#### Christos Anesti My Sisters and Brothers,

Amazement never seizes to fail me! Golden Gate Pacific Chapter #150 and EOS#1 of San Francisco, Ca. held their annual Agapi Dinner at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco tonight, April 19th. This awesome, beautiful Ahepan Family know how to support, how to trust, and how to remain loyal to one another through their gift of Love. They know how to party! Every year seems to get better, and tonight was no exception. Sisters from neighboring Chapters such as San Mateo Urania #290 and Phaedra #64 Modesto as well as Brothers from Oakland #171, District 21 Governor for the Daughters, Bev Kennedy, District 21 Governor for the Ahepans, Bill Anton, Past National Penelope of the Year, Mary Chicos, and Past Supreme President Andy Banis were among the many attending this evening. Laughter was heard throughout the room. Cracking eggs was hysterical! One was not sure who the winners were as everybody was screaming, "I got you!"

I have read that laughter is the best medicine, and if that is true, we all should be healthy for a very long time! Camaraderie is at it's finest. This unique Sisterhood and Brotherhood truly stands by and for each other. They celebrate Agapi, because they believe in Love not only for each other, but also for the world. Their philanthropy exceeds so many organizations! Their Love starts at home, and you can see it in their behavior with how they treat one another.

A very special thank you goes to Brother Elias Tsiknis, Sisters Loula Tsiknis, Vaso Moulas, Foula Vasilogiorgis, and Christi Tsiplakos, and we cannot forget to give a loving thanks to our very own Eva Skoufis for baking her famous, delicious Galatopouriko, and to Terpsi Varanis for her yummy and most appreciated Koulourakia. The lamb and minestra, soup, salad, and tsoureki was so good, I shocked my table, because I ate everything. No crumbs were even left. Hey, I even ate the entire dessert: ice cream and Eva's Galatopouriko.

Brother Jim Dariotis: you were missed. Hope you are feeling better. I heard you are looking great!

Brother Paul Eliopoulos: you were missed. Feel better soon. We also missed our Sophia, too.

Brother and Ahepa President Lou Phillips: you were missed. Feel better soon.

Sister Elaine Makras: you were missed. You are doing wonderful, and soon you will be joining us. I need you, and I totally miss you. A very special "hello" to our Sister Sophia Makras. She's an awesome nurse! Love you both!

Last, but certainly not the least, Grand President Jan Spanos: we heard your message to us this evening, and thank you. You have always joined us, and tonight you were with us in spirit. Enjoy your Grecian Adventure! Hello from all of us to all our Sisters in Greece! Someday, I want to meet them. We love and miss you!

My Sisters and Brothers, thank you all for helping us celebrate the inspirational Resurrection by showing our Agapi for one another. Tonight was awesome! I am so proud to be called a Daughter of Penelope. Ke to Xrono! And, next year! Christos Anesti!

My Love and Respect in Theta Pi,

Marion Parashis

Past and Proud EOS#1 Chapter President Past District 21 Penelope of the Year



## EOS Chapter #1, San Francisco Celebrations ...

Sister Sophia Makras was chosen for Daughter of the year and Penelope Wasley was chosen for Penelope of the year. Sister Ackie Argyres celebrated her 90th Birthday!



### Ahepa Chapter 281, Reno

*by John Copoulos* Brothers,

I was able to share Greek Independence Day at the Nevada Legislature March 27 as the guest of Assemblyman James Ohrenschall who is of Greek descent. (he was at our celebration at St Anthony's on March 25) We flew the Greek Flag at the Nevada legislature on Saturday as well.

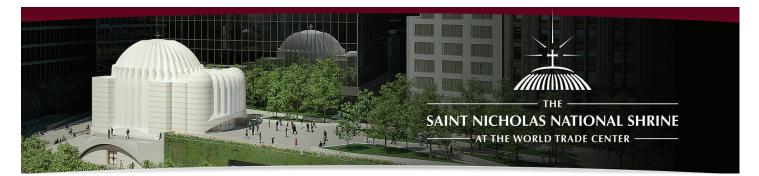


## Ahepa Chapter 392, San Mateo

by George Fonti



In February, AHEPA President Leo Maheras (left) presented a donation of \$500.00 to the Holy Cross Dance Program to Dance Program Director Paul Flocas. The donation will help with expenses incurred in sending young dancers to the 2017 FDF



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

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

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

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



### **AHEPA VETERANS REGISTRATION**

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

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

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

Eligibility requirement for AHEPA Medal for Military Service includes Honorable Service and Discharge. Service includes Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve status of the United States Armed Forces. REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.AHEPA.ORG. 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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#### San Jose Ahepa Family celebrates Greek Independence Day



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jacqui Argyres Phone: (408) 891-9419 Email: jargyrescreativecomm@gmail.com

#### AHEPA Family Celebrates Greek Independence Day at 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek Flag Raising Ceremony Hosted by Councilmember Johnny Khamis

**SAN JOSE, CA** – On Monday, March 27, 2017 at 4:00pm, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) and the Daughters of Penelope (DOP) will celebrate the 196<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greek Independence at a special Greek Flag Raising Ceremony at San Jose City Hall Plaza. Councilmember Johnny Khamis will host the ceremony with special guests Greek Consul General in San Francisco, Ambassador Dimitrios Xenitellis and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco.

Councilmember Khamis will present a proclamation signed by Mayor Sam Liccardo and full council honoring Greek Independence Day. Immediately after the ceremony, a celebratory reception sponsored by AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope is to follow in the San Jose City Hall plaza featuring Greek food specialties.

Other local Greek-Americans scheduled to attend include Beverly Kennedy, Daughters of Penelope's current District #21 Governor and AHEPA District #21 Governor Bill Anton.

"This event is a way for us to celebrate freedom and democracy as well as our rich Greek heritage with the San Jose community," says Dr. Spiros Kalogeropulos, President of the AHEPA Silicon Valley Chapter.

"We would like to thank Councilmember Khamis for acknowledging the contributions of Greek Americans that have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life," states Linda Belba, President of the Daughters of Penelope Daphne Chapter #29.

Greek Orthodox Reverend Fathers Demosthenes Paraskevaides and Yanni Verginis as well as a large contingent of parishioners from St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose are also expected to attend the ceremony. In addition, a group of St. Nicholas dancers will perform some traditional Greek folk dances.

AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) is the world's largest Greek-American association with over 500 chapters across the globe. AHEPA is dedicated to creating awareness of the principles of Hellenism to society. These principles include a commitment to humanity, freedom and democracy. For more information about the AHEPA family, please visit <u>www.ahepa.org</u>.

The mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism. It is an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). Please visit <u>www.daughtersofpenelope.org</u> for more information about the DOP or any of its programs or projects.

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#### Greek Flag Raising March 27, 2017

04:00 PM – 04:45 PM

Hosted by Council District 10 – Councilmember Johnny Khamis

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#### **Additional Notes:**

- Parking available in garage underneath City Hall (entrance accessible from South 6<sup>th</sup> St.)
- Parking Pass Validations accessible at event and at the information desk in City Hall Lobby
- All times are estimates and subject to vary
- AHEPA American Hellenic Education Progressive Association



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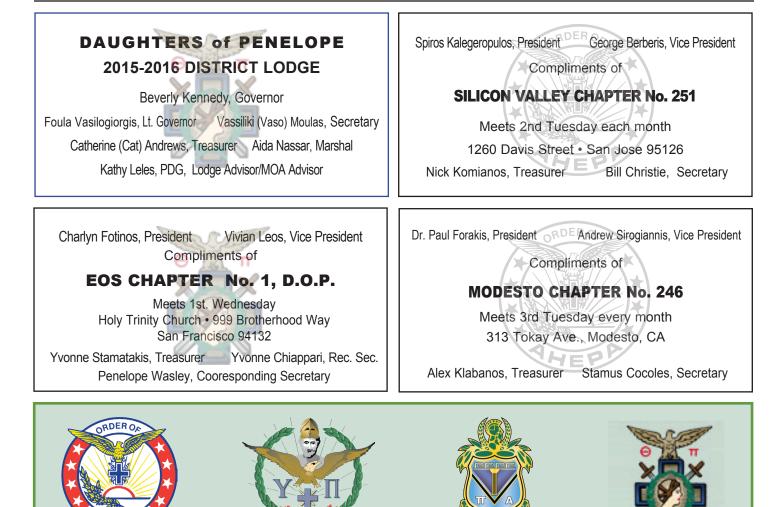
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