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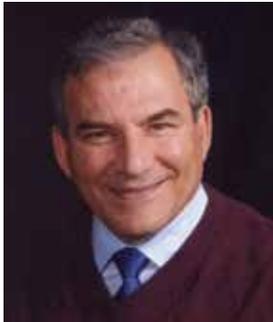
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**AHEPA GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21**

## *AHEPA District Governor's Message*



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Family,

Hope you and your families are safe and well and on behalf the District 21 Lodge we wish you Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays

I would like to thank the District Lodge, the Chapter Boards and all of You for staying in touch with each other and continuing keeping the AHEPA flame on during these transitioning times due to COVID-19

We will continue to have conference call meetings and monthly district meetings. Soon our District Secretary – Brother Mark Hallock will announce the Virtual Chapter Visitation Schedule and we are excited to see everyone's participation.

Reaching the end of the year I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize how important your membership dues are. As our Brother Basil Mossaidis stated in his recent communication: "...We are the GOLD standard when it comes to what we do, and you play a crucial role in that legacy. There are thousands of members just like you who wish to maintain their active status in support of either, their heritage, culture or many other programs AHEPA supports..."

Your contributions and membership in AHEPA gives us the opportunity to keep updated on many current events - social, cultural, philanthropy and educational. For these reasons it's very critical during these challenging times to send in your dues. I also want to thank everyone who has paid their membership, much appreciated! As President George Horiates shared there is a recent membership program for new members they will receive a pin and a 2020/2021 membership if they are initiated by Dec 31st, 2020.

We have begun a Lecture Series for our district. Following the successful presentation by Brother Dr. Ioannis Kokkinidis on October 3rd, with the subject "2500 years from the Persian Wars", we are announcing the 2021 AHEPA Golden Gate District Lecture Series. Prominent personalities of our Greek American community, experts in their fields, will present exciting and very contemporary subjects, starting January 16th. You, your family and philhellene friends are cordially invited to attend (for more information visit [AHEPA21.org](http://AHEPA21.org)).

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and A Merry Christmas!

Fraternally,

*Alexander Mallas*

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**Note:** Please reach out to me if you need assistance in setting up a teleconference call/video meeting for your chapter.

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas holiday season and a New Year filled with peace, health and happiness. We have been challenged this year with a global pandemic, but I believe our resilience and can-do attitude will make us even stronger. I look forward to working with all of you to make a positive difference in our world!

### **Visitations**

DOP D21 Lodge Officers have changed the concept of visitations for this year. Since we are using Zoom, District Lodge members and I have been able to attend one or more chapter meetings. This fall we attended meetings with these D21 Chapters: EOS #1 Daphne #29 Echo #4 Leto #71 Artemis #5 Elis #89 Sparta #18 and Urania #290.

Chapters, please continue to invite me and your District Liaison to your meetings and events. We always look forward to seeing you.

### **Virtual Events**

I attended the DOP 2020 Leadership Seminar for District Governors in early October. I also attended a few DOP Liaison Meetings with other District Governors outside of our zone, and we shared our challenges and opportunities.

The Grand Lodge also hosted a number of webinars to inform and educate all members. Topics included Potential New Members, DOP website review, Understanding our Statistics, Virtual Fundraising, MOA, and Growth and Expansion, which included our DOP-opoly Challenge! It's fun and I hope our district chapters take on the challenge for D21.

### **Founder's Day**

I want to offer my sincerest thanks to EOS #1 for doing an extraordinary job hosting our **91st Founder's Day** Event on Zoom. We had over 100 attendees! They were from all over the globe! It was attended by the Grand Lodge and GP Celia offered comments about this important day. We also heard from the Liaison for Europe Athanasia Vassiliadou, Liaison for Greece Maria Sofianou, and Chapter President from Australia Penny Pavlou. Sister Marion Parashis from EOS #1 spoke movingly about Philotimo.

Everyone had a wonderful time! It was a very moving and inspirational event. I suggest you check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LILNcXMZMGE>

### **DOP Opportunity Drawing**

Our 2019 – 2020 DOP D21 Opportunity Drawing has been extended for another year until the weekend of the 2021 WRDC convention in Seattle. The proceeds will go to the D21 Scholarship program and the St. Nicholas Ranch. Ticket price is 3 tickets for \$20. Prizes: 1st Prize - \$1,000, 2nd Prize - \$500 (2 winners), 3rd Prize - \$300.

Let's try to sell all our tickets by next June! Flyer with details is on our district website. Click on Downloads: [www.dop21.org](http://www.dop21.org)

### **Scholarships**

DOP D21 Scholarship packets have been sent to all chapters and are located on our DOP District 21 website: <https://dop21.org/scholarships/index.htm#>

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*Daughters District Governor's message continued*

**Save the Date**

- Western Regional District Convention (WRDC) to be held in Seattle Washington June 17 – June 20, 2021 in Seattle and will be hosted by District 22. Check <https://ahepa-wrdc.org> for details.

- AHEPA Family Supreme Convention will be July 25 -31, 2021 in Athens, Greece! The Supreme Convention Hotel is the Grand Bretagne located at 1 Vasileos Georgiou A, Syntagma Square Street, Athina 105 64, Greece. It promises to be an exciting week so save the date! Details can be found on [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org)

Sisters Laurie, Angela, Mary, Helen, Sherri, Foula, Alicia and I want to wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and we look forward to a very Happy and Healthy 2021! **Happy New Year!**

Love in Theta Pi,  
*Linda Belba*  
 District 21 Governor





*Daughters of Penelope*  
*Elis Chapter 89*  
*Reno, Nevada*

Join us at [www.dopreno.org](http://www.dopreno.org) &  
[www.facebook.com/dopelis89](http://www.facebook.com/dopelis89)



*Daughters of Penelope*  
**Sparta Chapter #18**  
 Stockton, California

*Founded September 28, 1924*

**Greetings From Artemis #5**

by Diane Petersen PGS  
 Secretary Capitol City Sacramento

*Going through the month of July,  
 Hot, hot, dry weather, OH MY!  
 The Governor closed down personal  
 service business - distress,  
 We only want to go to our hair  
 salon and fix up the mess.  
 No Supreme Convention at Disney World, BOO HOO!  
 All we wanted was to go there to see  
 Mickey, but now we are so blue.*

*Onto hot August days and nights,  
 We see the fires, horrible sights.  
 On August 15, we attended outdoor church service,  
 It was safe distancing, masks on,  
 and we weren't nervous.*

*September saw temperatures soar,  
 Wildfires were all a roar.  
 Ashes falling everywhere,  
 Skies smoky, what a scare.*

*October is the month we saw the fires dwindle down,  
 It was a glad time in our state all around.  
 HALLOWEEN!*

*A very different scene.  
 Held a teleconferencing meeting,  
 It was nice to hear the Sisters with their greeting.*

*Masks we see galore,  
 Now selling in your favorite store.  
 Artemis quiz*

**GUESS WHO?**

1. Dog interrupted outdoor church service
2. Doing puzzles
3. Writing a journal
4. Walking

*We are keeping ALEXANDRA'S DREAM ALIVE, So  
 Daughters of Penelope will thrive and survive.*

## SCHOLARSHIP SEASON HAS ARRIVED

**AHEPA District Scholarship Foundation** See requirements on next page. Applications are available from your chapter and on the District website:

<https://ahepa21.org/Documents/Scholarships/D21-current-scholarship-application-fillable.pdf>.

**Daughters of Penelope District Scholarship** applications are available from your chapter and on the District website: <https://dop21.org/scholarships/index.htm>. See pages 8 and 9 for more information.

**National AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope** scholarship applications will be available starting in January 2021 on their respective websites: [ahepa.org](http://ahepa.org) and [daughtersofpenelope.org](http://daughtersofpenelope.org).

### **From the AHEPA website:**

**Qualities we admire in students.** We strongly recommend all students to take one or more courses in the “classics” in order to understand their historical context as they relate to current events.

**Academic Excellence.** Higher grades help show us that you’re taking your future seriously and putting in the effort.

**Cultural Appreciation.** It is our organization’s belief, that the Hellenic or Classical Studies programs on college campuses are of great value.

**Extracurricular Activity.** Having a “work-life” balance during your professional career is important which is why balancing responsibilities outside of school shows us you’re on the right track

**Volunteerism.** Philanthropy and self sacrifice are attributes in the lives of those who leave well respected legacies.

**“We Are What We Repeatedly Do. Excellence Then, Is Not An Act, But A Habit.” - Aristotle**

## AHEPA STUDENT PROGRAMS

Visit [ahepa.org](http://ahepa.org) for more information about these student programs.

<b>Washington Mentorship AHEPAcademy</b>	<b>Summer Excursion Journey To Greece</b>	<b>Study Abroad Odyssey In Athens</b>	<b>Master’s Program MBA Program</b>
Professional development program that educates, mentors, and networks exceptional Greek-American high school students as they progress through their high academic and professional careers.	Immersive summer program that takes young students on excursions throughout Greece in order to learn about, appreciate, and celebrate Greek society and culture.	Students choose to spend either a semester or full year studying abroad in Athens Greece. The school and apartments are located in the Plaka area at the base of the Acropolis.	Webster University, through its Athens campus, is proud to offer for one time only its Higher Learning Commission [HLC], USA accredited Master of Business Administration in collaboration with AHEPA.



# Order of AHEPA

American Educational Progressive Association  
**Golden Gate District 21 Educational Foundation**

Dear Applicant:

November 9, 2020

We are accepting applications for the 2021 AHEPA District 21 Scholarship Program.

### 2021 AHEPA District 21 Scholarship Program

This program is available to members in good standing of the Order of AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope, for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years, (a member in good standing is described in the Constitution and By-Laws of the AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope), or current members in good standing of the Sons of Pericles or Maids of Athena, Children of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope members and under certain conditions, orphans of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope members. A detailed and more complete list of eligibility requirements is provided on the first page of the application packet.

To be eligible for consideration, your application needs to be complete, endorsed and signed by your local sponsoring AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope Chapter President (or a designated Chapter Scholarship Chairperson) and the Chapter Secretary. Two letters of recommendation and most current transcripts are to be mailed with the scholarship application. Please note: Most high schools and colleges receive a high volume of requests for transcripts and letters of recommendation during the spring months. It is highly recommended that you get your requests to these schools early and follow up to make certain that all materials are mailed before the April 1, 2021 deadline. Late mailing from your school will disqualify your application.

A one-page essay, using 12 pt. font, is required and must be included with your application packet. The essay must focus on your own personal goals, ambitions and commitment to making this a better world for all. You may wish to draw upon the influences of your Hellenic heritage, your parents, your parish and community. If selected, you will be notified by mail.

Our Scholarship Program seeks to recognize outstanding youth within District 21 and their scholastic and community achievements. Support for our scholarship come from AHEPA members and friends of AHEPA who value the importance of higher education. Their tireless efforts have made these scholarship awards possible. We hope that you will consider membership in one of the branches of the AHEPA family and provide your own support to funding scholarships to future students. Above all we encourage you to fully utilize the gifts that God has given you.

The number of awards presented is dependent upon the scholarship funds available for this year. Because of the competition, it is imperative that the application be accurate, neat, complete and submitted on time. Applications which do not meet these requirements will be denied further consideration for approval. The decisions of the Foundation Board and the Independent Evaluator are final. There are no exceptions, extensions or appeals.

A complete checklist is attached. All items on the checklist must be submitted by the deadline date of April 1, 2021. Please include the marked-up checklist with your application.

We wish you success in the application process.

Respectfully,

*Mark Hallock*

Foundation Board Chairman

8627 Diamond Oak Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 - 916-956-5188 – mjhallock@mac.com



**Daughters of Penelope  
Golden Gate District 21  
2021 District Scholarship Program**

**November 2, 2020**

**Greetings Prospective Applicant,**

The Daughters of Penelope of District 21 have been awarding scholarships to worthy recipients for many years and the 2021 Scholarship Program marks our **54th** year of supporting our students' education. The 2021 District Scholarship awards include six (5) undergraduates, two (2) graduates and one (1) re-entry continuing education. Undergraduate scholarships will be offered to both female and male students. A student may not apply for a scholarship category in which they have previously been awarded a scholarship.

While students may apply to both District 21 AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope scholarships, they will have the opportunity to be awarded one of the two scholarships in a given year.

Attached to this letter are the **2021 Scholarship Application** and the other required documents. It is very important that you review the application, so you can familiarize yourself with the items that are needed to complete the form. Reviewing the application helps save you time and energy. Make sure your application is professional and complete. **MAKE A COPY OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS BEFORE MAILING.** The fillable pdf version of the Application will be available on the DOP website <https://dop21.org/scholarships/>. You may also contact me to receive a copy by email.

**Letters of Recommendation** confirm that certain individuals in your personal life respect your skills and accomplishments and are honored to express their thoughts as to your qualifications. These individuals could be teachers, counselors, clergy or an employer. You should ask a person who knows you reasonably well. Two (2) letters of recommendation from these sources are required and must be dated from the current school year. They should be in a sealed envelope to be included with your application. If questions arise as to who receives these letters, you may show your recommender the application requirements.

The **DEADLINE** for all required documents is **to be** postmarked by **April 1, 2021**. Applicants will be disqualified if any of the items required are not completed or included as stated on the **"Mandatory Scholarship Application Checklist."** **Mark your calendar so you don't forget!!!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all the best,

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*Golden Gate District 21 Daughters of Penelope*  
*2021 Scholarship Awards*

**Undergraduate Scholarships**

DOP Past District Governor's League – TBD  
 (Available to a qualified female student only)



(The following available to both qualified female and male students)

District 21 Scholarship - \$2,000

District 21 Scholarship - \$2,000

District 21 Scholarship - \$1,000

District 21 Scholarship - \$1,000

(Donated by Evelyn Boosalis in memory of Ted Boosalis)

District 21 Scholarship - \$1,000

(Donated by the Chiarchianis family and Sparta #18 in memory of Kay Chiarchianis)

**Graduate Scholarships**

Angela Mouroufas Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

(Available to a qualified female/male student. There being no Graduate recipient, the Mouroufas Scholarship will be awarded to a qualified Undergraduate)

Ekaterini Tsakopoulos Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

(Available to a qualified female student only)

**Re-Entry/Continuing Education**

(Available to a qualified female student only)

District 21 Scholarship - \$2,000

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS April 1, 2021**

## The 2021 AHEPA Golden Gate District Lecture Series

Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm (PST)  
Evangelos Simoudis, Ph.D.

“Transportation Transformation: Our Driverless Future”

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ahepa>  
Id: ahepa

**Info:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/evangelossimoudis/>



Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm (PST)  
Themis Demas, Ph.D.

“WITH KNOWLEDGE AND VIRTUE: To Save the Earth from  
Global Warming and Nuclear Weapons”

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Id: ahepa

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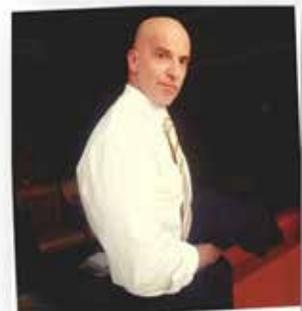


Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm (PST)  
Sokratis Sourvinos,  
Consul General of Greece in San Francisco

“200 years since the Uprising of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1821 and our  
National Independence”

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ahepa>  
Id: ahepa

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Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm (PST)  
Alexander Kitroeff,  
Professor of History at Haverford College

"The Greek Orthodox Church in America A Modern History"

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## District 21 Committee Announcement – Public Policies and Relations Committee.

by Alexander Mallas, District 21 Governor

In this challenging times were Greece needs US support as never before, due to the provocations is facing from authoritarian aggressive Turkey, our AHEPA strong voice needs to be heard from East to West Coast.

In this effort our District 21 will initiate a Public Policy and Relations Committee to support the HQ and SP George Horiates in his Public Policy initiatives,

Chairman of this new committee is Brother Alex Aliferis of Stockton and co-committee member Brother George Haris (Golden Gate-Pacific). They will be helping us to energize and coordinate AHEPA message in our District 21 providing and sharing information regarding our efforts supporting Greece, Cyprus and the Armenians against the Turkish aggression, the wildfires in California and the pandemic of COVID-19. If anyone is interested in being on the committee please contact Brother Alex Aliferis or myself.

Brother Alex has an outstanding experience of many years in Government Affairs in Washington and Brother George many years' experience as Aide at the U.S. House of Representatives and California State Assembly.

To receive updates regarding our AHEPA initiatives announcements/ news and updates in emails from headquarters please subscribe at [ahepa.org/join/](https://ahepa.org/join/)



**AHEPA GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21**

## Welcome Greek Consulate



*District 21 Governor Mallas and Consul General Sourvinos*

I would like to welcome the new assigned Consul General of Greece in San Francisco Socrates Sourvinos.

Socrates recently arrived to his new position here in San Francisco; prior to this he was the in Dubai: Embassy of Greece in the United Arab Emirates/ Deputy Head of Mission and Head of the Consular Office.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Consul Socrates earlier this month and introduced him to our Ahepa District 21 and Ahepa Chapters. Socrates will also be participating in our Ahepa District March 25th 2021 celebration by providing a presentation.

Socrates is very excited and eager to support our Ahepa endeavors. I have included his hello letter on the following page.

Alex Mallas  
Golden Gate District 21 Governor

Greek Consulate in San Francisco website:  
<https://www.mfa.gr/usa/en/consulate-general-in-san-francisco/> “

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## Consul General of Greece in San Francisco



*Consul General of Greece in San Francisco Socrates Sourvinos*

Dear compatriots,

Dear friends,

I am greatly honored and excited by being appointed as the Consul General of Greece in San Francisco. It is a great pleasure for me to join the flourishing Greek-American Community in the northwestern part of the United States, a Community that actively links our two friendly countries for more than a century.

After a few weeks in California, I'm amazed by the local Diaspora's quality and talent. I'm proud of their collective and individual accomplishments, and I'm confident that our joint efforts will contribute to responding to current challenges.

Following my predecessors' path, my colleagues and I will continue providing quality consular services to citizens residing in our jurisdiction. Furthermore, I aspire that the Consulate General carries on acting as a multifaceted platform for the promotion of Greece and Hellenism in various spheres, including trade, tourism, investment, culture, and education.

All the team of the Consulate General, we remain at your disposal, and we hope to meet you soon.

Warm regards and stay safe,

Socrates Sourvinos

### Socrates Sourvinos

Consul General of Greece in San Francisco

#### Career

- Consul General of Greece in San Francisco (Oct. 2020)
- Embassy of Greece in the United Arab Emirates/ Deputy Head of Mission and Head of the Consular Office (2018-2020)
- David Scholar at Tufts University (Boston, USA) (2017-2018)
- Information and Public Diplomacy Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Deputy Head (2016-2017)
- Permanent Representation of Greece to the Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France) (2014-2016)
- Embassy of Greece in Tunisia/ Deputy Head of Mission and Head of the Consular Office (2008-2014)
- Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2005-2008)
- Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (January to July 2005)

#### Academic qualifications

- Tufts University/ Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy/ MA
- Harvard Kennedy School/ Negotiation and Diplomacy
- Democritus University of Thrace/ International Studies/ LLM
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens/ Ba

#### Decorations

Cross of the Apostle Marcus/ Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa

#### Languages

Greek, English, French, Spanish



*Consul General of Greece in San Francisco Team*

## AHEPA Emergency Fund

Donations for AHEPA's COVID-19 efforts can be made through the AHEPA Emergency Fund

The AHEPA Emergency Fund was started in the early part of 2006 in response to natural disasters which occur around the world. The Order of AHEPA has donating hundreds of thousands of man hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial aid for devastating natural disasters. From providing water to the first responders or milk for those in need.

We have helped clean up after Super Storm Sandy and rebuild homes in Houston. We feed thousands of homeless people through our chapters and we assist the elderly. All of our action need funds. We ask you and your chapters to donate to the AHEPA Emergency Fund.

You can donate by going to: [ahepa.org/donate](http://ahepa.org/donate)

### *Support Your Ahepa Traveler By Placing an AD*

Your Chapter

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Computer Services

Investment Planning

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Automotive Sales and Service

Travel Services

and so on including Corporate Sponsors!

- See last page of this issue for details on submitting ads and pricing -

Dr. John Lagios, President      George Pauls, Vice President

Compliments of

#### **RENO CHAPTER No. 281**

Meets 3rd Thursday, each month

St. Anthony Church • 4795 Lakeside Dr., Reno, NV

John Copoulos, Secretary/Treasurer

Wish every Brother to stay safe during this pandemic

#### **MODESTO CHAPTER NO. 246**

Andrew Sirogiannis, President      Stamus Cocolos, Secretary

Dr. Paul Forakis, Vice President      Alex Klabanos, Treasurer

## San Jose AHEPA Chapter 251 News

by Dr. Vassilis Zarifis, Chapter VP Communications and Membership

We are happy to announce that the AHEPA Silicon Valley Chapter 251 supported financially two organizations in Greece during the summer, very timely due to the Covid-19 pandemic!

Both non-profit establishments are well known and support and promote all aspects of children in need and of their families, for health, happiness, and well-being full of love and care.

### SOS Children's Villages



SOS Children's Villages Greece is a member of SOS Children's Villages International which is currently active in 136 countries. SOS Children's Villages have been operating in Greece since 1975, with the aim to help children who have lost or are at risk of losing parental care.

Please visit <https://sos-villages.gr/> (Also in English) – We invite anyone interested to Follow and Like their Page on Facebook

The people at SOS were very appreciative of our contribution and created a special webpage link online thanking us for the Chapter's support. They also announced it in the next edition of their publication to their members and benefactors!

<https://sos-villages.gr/ahepa-silicon-valley-stirizei-to.../>

[https://sos-villages.gr/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/0920SOS\\_Mag\\_194x260\\_web.pdf](https://sos-villages.gr/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/0920SOS_Mag_194x260_web.pdf) – September edition in the Greek language

### The Smile of a Child (To Hamogelo tou Paidiou)



“The Smile of the Child” was created in 1995 by 10-year-old Andreas Yannopoulos, who, shortly before leaving from life, expressed in his diary his wish to found an organization that will ensure for all children what he had so generously enjoyed: love, affection, care and respect.

Please visit <https://www.hamogelo.gr/gr/en/> –

We invite anyone interested to Follow and Like their Page on Facebook

The donations were requested by Dr. Kalogeropoulos, past Chapter President and approved during the Chapter Zoom meeting in May and were coordinated and completed by the author and Dr. George Zioulas current Chapter Treasurer over the summer.

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The Westin Bellevue Hotel Reservations  
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Dates for next year's WRDC Convention in Seattle will be  
June 17 - 20, 2021.

	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Thursday, June 17</b>		
Golf	1:00 PM	TBD
Puget Sound Cruise	1:00 PM	Pier 57
<b>Friday, June 18th</b>		
Registration	7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Westin Bellevue
Opening Ceremony	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Westin Bellevue
District Business Sessions	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Westin Bellevue
Lunch	11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Westin Bellevue
District Business Sessions	1:00 PM to 2:30 PM	Westin Bellevue
Greek Night Cocktail Hour	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	St. Demetrios 2100 Boyer Ave E, Seattle, WA
Dinner and Basile Show	6:30 PM	St. Demetrios 2100 Boyer Ave E, Seattle, WA
Followed by live music from <i>Taki and the Mad Greeks</i>		
<b>Saturday, June 19th</b>		
Registration	7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Westin Bellevue
DOP Sisterhood Breakfast	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	Westin Bellevue
District Business Sessions	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Westin Bellevue
Joint Meeting	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Westin Bellevue
Scholarship Luncheon	12:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Westin Bellevue
Banquet	6:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Westin Bellevue
<b>SUNDAY, June 20th</b>		
Divine Liturgy - St. Demetrios	10:00 AM	2100 Boyer Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112
Divine Liturgy - Assumption	10:00 AM	1804 13th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

# Basile

The Comedian  
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**St. Demetrios**

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5:30pm Cocktails

7pm Dinner & Comedy Show by **Basile!**  
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99TH SUPREME CONVENTION ANNIVERSARY EVENT

**JULY 27, 2021**  
GENERAL SESSION  
REPORTS  
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GOLF TOURNAMENT  
DISTRICT 25 EVENT

**JULY 28, 2021**  
GENERAL SESSION  
ATHLETIC LUNCHEON  
GREEK NIGHT ACROPOLIS MUSEUM EVENT

**JULY 29, 2021**  
GENERAL SESSION  
AHEPA FAMILY AWARDS LUNCHEON

**JULY 30, 2021**  
GENERAL SESSION  
ELECTIONS  
GRAND BANQUET & BALL

**JULY 31, 2021**  
DEPARTURE

ALL EVENTS AND TIMES ARE TENTATIVE & WILL BE FINALIZED PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL  
THIS IS THE PLANNED SCHEDULE AS OF TODAY, ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
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**AHEPA, MOA & SOP: <https://bit.ly/31MFUzj>**

**DOP: <https://bit.ly/2Cqw9y7>**

All rooms include a complimentary full breakfast daily.

Suites are available at the King George Hotel, located directly next to the Hotel Grand Bretagne.

AHEPA is working to secure as many discounts for our members as possible to assist in your vacation planning.

Please visit the above links for details regarding hotel room availability and rates.

**EMAIL [EVENTS@AHEPA.ORG](mailto:EVENTS@AHEPA.ORG) TO BE ADDED TO OUR  
CONVENTION UPDATE LIST**

## Message from United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS) President

My fellow Hellenes, Greek-Americans, UHAS Associates,

As I conclude my 2 years, as UHAS President, and my 14 years previously, as UHAS Vice President, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your good wishes, and your participation and interest in UHAS.

I am pleased that Taso Zografos, has accepted UHAS Board's offer to assume the position of UHAS President, effective December 1, 2020. Taso has been a community leader for many years. Even though I will become the UHAS Past President on that date, I will be available, in the future, to Taso and UHAS, when called upon.

The United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS) was organized in San Francisco in 1954 and is celebrating its 65th year since it was organized. UHAS will be known in the future as "United Hellenic American Societies of Northern California".

We have a new very attractive logo. Please view the December 2020 edition of "The Hellenic Journal". It includes a 1/2-page Christmas greeting with our new logo. Also, "The Hellenic Journal" is including a feature article regarding "United Hellenic American Societies of Northern California".

At this time, it is appropriate for the greater community to acknowledge the many years of dedication and service, of the late Ted Laliotes, who tirelessly provided leadership as President to UHAS for over 15 years, until his passing in 2018. While we all helped UHAS in various ways, it was Ted who provided the motivation, vision, and guidance that made UHAS a respected umbrella organization that represented up to 36 Greek-American organizations at one time.

As is well known, Ted was an accomplished Engineer for Hewlett-Packard, and former Mayor of Los Altos. It was under Ted's leadership that there were 7 years of March 25th Greek Cultural Parades organized that marched down Market Street to San Francisco City Hall, with the most recent parade being in 2013, with marching bands, ethnic dancers, and floats. The 2013 Parade was featured in National Greek-American Press in New York and on Greek Television. The costs of producing a parade continued escalating to the point where it was no longer feasible. Also, Ted led the presentation of various Greek artists in various venues throughout Northern California.

Also, it is appropriate to also acknowledge Joan Rinde, who provided many years of service to UHAS as Secretary and Treasurer, and who passed on shortly after Ted Laliotes.

As we all know this year 2020 has been a challenging year, however, I want to acknowledge the UHAS Counsel Peter Bagatelos. Peter has been providing pro-bono and invaluable services to UHAS for many years. When I assumed the UHAS Presidency in 2018, it was Peter who helped me significantly in forwarding the mission of UHAS to date. Also, I want to thank Giuliana Harris, Editor of "The Hellenic Journal", who provided many feature articles about UHAS during these 2 years.

I conclude again by wishing everyone Happy Thanksgiving 2020, Merry Christmas 2020, & A Blessed, Happy, Healthy New Year 2021,

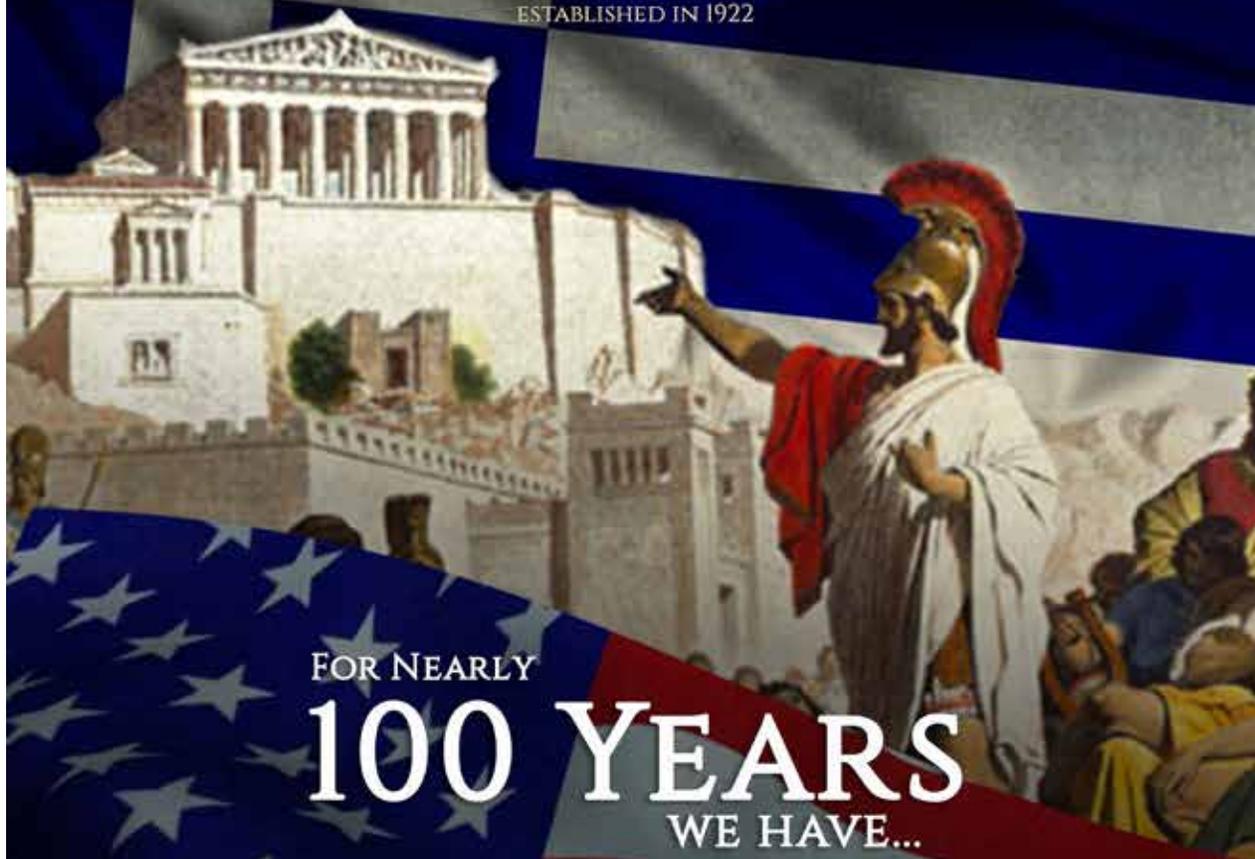
Thank you, Jim

JAMES D. VORRISES  
President

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

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

**Register online at [www.ahepaveterans.org](http://www.ahepaveterans.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.



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*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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