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Message from District Governor Robert Sexton

A Tale of Two Events.

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." Thus Charles Dickens began his classic Tale of Two Cities, contrasting conditions in late-eighteenth century England

with France at the onset of the French Revolution. My concern is about two recent events in our district, the Supreme Visitation and our district poker tournament.

The visitation by Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Supreme VP Anthony Kouzounis, Supreme Secretary Philip Frangos and Supreme Governor Chris Mellas, was a smashing success. Joined by Grand President Joanne Saltas and Grand Vice President Anna-Helene Grossomanides of the Daughters of Penelope, the lodges met with members at events hosted by the Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto and Fresno AHEPA Family chapters. Other meetings and visitations were made to Bay Area chapters as well. Every event brought a great turnout and the meetings were exciting, interesting and enjoyable. The Valley chapters deserve kudos for their efforts. It was especially heartening to see the response by the membership.

Our district poker tournament on the other hand did not see the same kind of response. In spite of the best efforts of the organizers, the turnout was light. Those who attended had a very enjoyable time. But the attendance was too low to make it a success financially. Being that its purpose was to raise funds for our scholarship foundation and other district projects, it did not succeed.

This leaves us still looking to a solution. The Scholarship Foundation is our greatest achievement, but current economic conditions make continuing support critical. Can we find an effective means of fund raising that will be widely supported by our members? We shall discuss this at the Spring Conference. Bring your ideas and suggestions.

The theme that runs through this discussion, though, is much wider. Participation is the key to success, whatever we are doing. Moreover, it is the key to success for your chapters. District wide, we have been quite successful at recruiting new members. Can we retain them? Perhaps your participation will make the difference.

Two events remain this year. Our Spring Conference will be hosted by the Oakland chapters on March 16 at the Ascension Cathedral. The conferences are always a great opportunity to report on your chapter activities and take part in planning for the future of our district. June 14-16, the Modesto AHEPA Family will host the annual District Convention. Of all the events throughout the AHEPA year, this is the one that really requires your participation. I will be looking forward to seeing you there.



Message from District Governor Helen Sexton

Dear Sisters,

With all the chapter visitations completed, on behalf of my Lodge, I want to extend a big THANK YOU to all of you, as well as to our brother AHEPANs for the

hospitality and warm welcome we have received. I would also like to congratulate you for your dedication and the hard work you put into our organization.

This has been a very eventful year so far, with many firsts. Among them:

- •Our first District 21 Poker Night, which was very enjoyable but, sadly ill attended and,
- •The visitation by the Supreme and Grand Lodge officers to the Valley chapters. This was a very memorable and historic event and all four chapters (Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto and Fresno) did an outstanding job in hosting the receptions. The visitors were very impressed and quite congratulatory to our district, while the membership heard first-hand about all the projects, goals and aspirations for our organizations. It was quite educational, fun and uplifting.

Now we are looking forward to our Spring Conference on Saturday, March 16, hosted by the Oakland AHEPA family, at the Ascension Cathedral. A lot of information will be given out at this time with regards to several upcoming events. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

The Modesto AHEPA family is hard at work making certain we have a great District Convention on June 14 - 16. Registration forms and other pertinent information will be sent to the chapters. Of course, more on this at the Spring Conference. Also, District 20, 21 and 22 are working on plans for a Tri-District Convention for 2014. Again, more information in regards to this, at the Spring Conference.

Sisters, I cannot stress enough the importance of participation and involvement beyond our chapter's activities. We become educated and informed. Please encourage each other to attend. You will go back to your chapters more enthusiastic and energized to continue our mission.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon,

Yours in Theta Pi,

Helen Sexton

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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.

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

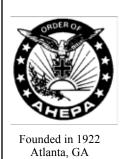
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Saturday, March 16, 2013

9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:15 a.m. Joint Opening Session

12:00 noon – Lunch

1:30 p.m. Separate Meetings

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension 4700 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person Includes Continental Breakfast and Luncheon

Deadline to register is Friday, March 8, 2013

(Please detach and mail with payment)

AHEPA/Daughters of Penelope Spring Conference Registration Form Registration is due by Friday, March 8, 2013 Make checks in the amount of \$35 payable to AHEPA #171

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We'll See You in Modesto! AHEPA 246 & Phaedra 64



Golden Gate District 21 81ST Annual District Convention Hosted by Modesto AHEPA Family June 14-16, 2013





February 1, 2013

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<u>Financial</u> Alex Klabanos Dear District 21 AHEPA Family and Friends,

It is an honor for our local Chapters to welcome you back to Modesto for the 81st District 21 Convention on June 14-16, 2013. Over the past few months, our Steering Committee has been busily planning your convention which promises to, once again, be one of the finest in the San Joaquin Valley.

From the moment you arrive at the beautiful Convention Headquarters, DoubleTree Hotel of Modesto, to attending the meetings, Welcome Reception, Scholarship Luncheon and our grand finale The Greek Glendi, you will be enjoying all the hospitality and good food Modesto has to offer.

Your stay here will be a most pleasant and welcome experience. Registration information for the hotel, Convention Registration and flyers are available on line at ahepa21.org, DOP web page, the AHEPA Traveler or effie@laserplusmod.com. Our District Governors will also be e-mailing all information to you.

We also invite you to place an ad in our "One-of-a-Kind" Convention album. You will not want to miss out not having your chapter, group, business or personal ad placed in our album. Look for our Convention Album Ad Form on line as well.

On behalf of all members of the Modesto AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope, we look forward to seeing all our Brothers and Sisters and their families in Modest in June.

Fraternally yours,

Alex Bazos

Mary Gavrilis

Alex Bazos & Mary Gavrilis

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AHEPA Family Golden Gate District 21

81st Annual District Convention June 14 - 16, 2013



The Modesto AHEPA Family invites all Brothers, Sisters and Friends to meet and socialize "Oli Mazi"

Convention Headquarters: DoubleTree 1150 9th Street Modesto CA 95354 **Host Chapters:** AHEPA 246 ~ Daughters of Penelope Phaedra 64

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION PACKAGES & TICKETS	Cost/Person	Number	Total Cost
Delegate / Alternate Reg. Package (Friday, Saturday, Sunday-Coffee hour) Includes: Friday Evening Welcome Reception, Saturday Scholarship Luncheon; Evening Governors' Reception & Greek Night Banquet/Glendi	\$155 \$165 (after June 1)		
Guest Package (<i>Friday, Saturday, Sunday-Coffee hour</i>) Includes: Friday Evening Welcome Reception, Saturday Scholarship Luncheon; Evening Governors Reception & Greek Night Banquet/Glendi	\$130 (By June 9)		
Scholarship Luncheon (Vegetarian Choice available – please check:Yes)			
INDIVIDUAL EVENT PURCHASE	Cost/Person	Number	Total Cost
Welcome night – <u>Friday night</u> DoubleTree	\$25		
Scholarship Award Luncheon – <u>Saturday Noon</u> DoubleTree	\$45		
Greek Night Banquet/Glendi Saturday 6pm-11:45pm Church Hall Includes: No Host Refreshment Bar, Dinner & Dancing.	\$45 (Adults)		
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NOTE: Make hotel reservations direct with the DoubleTree (209-526-6000) or go to ahepa21.org
When registering by phone or internet use the discount code (all caps): AHE \$95 per night, plus tax.

<u>Deadline</u>: Hotel registration May 24, 2013.



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CONVENTION ALBUM INFORMATION

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Dear Chapter President:

The Modesto AHEPA family (AHEPA 246 and Daughters of Penelope Phaedra 64) is delighted to host the AHEPA Golden Gate District 21 81st Annual Convention June 14 - 16, 2013.

As with previous District Conventions we will publish an album to help celebrate our venture. With dual objectives of a high quality album and greater ad participation, the committee is excited to produce an album which, for the first time, will offer **full color for all ad sizes** with no additional cost for color vs. black and white.

We invite and encourage the participation of your Chapter with the purchase of a full page ad in our commemorative album. To best showcase your ad, we hope you will consider including chapter group photos, events or special recognition. In addition, opportunities are endless for us to remember departed loved-ones, recently arrived "bundles of joy" or grandchildren, academic achievements, or just to offer support for the conference.

Note: The Convention Album Contract is attached. The deadline for all ads is May 10, 2013. (The album committee can scan your photos in the event you do not have them available in high resolution 300 DPI or greater JPG or EPS formats, and any photos submitted will be returned.) Please be advised that we will be printing our album locally in Modesto so please direct your ads and payments to Bev Kennedy as noted on the enclosed ad contract. Please contact us with any questions.

We look forward to receiving your ad for our 2013 album!

Sincerely,

Jim & Beu

Jim Kocolas & Bev Kennedy Convention Album Co-Chairs

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by Marion Parashis

Our Mother Lodge Chapter celebrated the 83rd Anniversary with an outstanding annual Founders Day Luncheon at the Villa d'Este on Ocean Avenue in San Francisco on November 17th, 2012. There were Penelope Maidens serving signature drinks to the guests as well as Odysseus at the door offering his greetings. Sisters Mary Chicos and Edie Delegans were the co-chairmen of this wonderful event celebrating a Sisterhood of Angels united together. Honored guests included Consul General of Greece Ioannis Andreades, Ahepa President Elias Tsiknis, District 21 Governors Helen Sexton and Robert Sexton, Grand Governor Zone 4 Jan Spanos, District 21 Liaison and Grand Treasurer Connie Pillalis, and our Grand National President Joanne Saltas. Beautiful and exquisite prizes were raffled and entertainment was totally remarkable. The inspiring voice of Edie Delegans and her creativity in lyric writing enchanted and delighted all. Camaradarie and fun still exists! Such beauty, such talent, such organization, such love, such respect, such support can all be found in the Sisterhood of EOS#1! Congratulations, Sisters, for a job well done.



Hostess Mary Chicos, PDG, Connie Pilallis, Grand Treasurer., Joanne Saltas, Grand President

EOS #1 Photos by Member Stella Kyriakis

My Sisters, My Angels, My Stars

by Marion Parashis

A star can be a heavenly body upon which an angel can sit.

Stars can contain destiny, fate, fortune and those who are so fit.

Stars can take the lead, the head, the role or top the bill,

My Angelic Sisters sit on and are the Stars and rule from the most majestic hill!

Working Angels they are with love and compassion in their hearts, Thinking of others, looking ahead, spotting where there is need. Never showing doubt, always with a smile, being ever so smart, Following advice, cautiously and respectfully they take heed!

Are they perfect?

At this point I will interject!

Most certainly "YES", after all they are from my Chapter, EOS,

They have worked hard, very hard, and are in the proximity of our Theos!

Most Sisters that are true Daughters from other Chapters, Are equally creative, skilled, and Special Angels hanging on their own Star.

After all they are Daughters of Penelope, a most important factor, Their qualifications are their greatest assets, and they come from so far!

Gathered together, today, my Sisters, my Angels, my Stars,
We meet, we chat, we laugh with a drink from the bar.
We celebrate our Founding and continue to thank God up above,
For His continued guidance to exist with an abundance of love.
A special "thank you" to Sister Alexandra Apostildes Sonenfeld
For the love of our Sisterhood in her heart she forever held!



Victor Kyriakis Bill Angelopolos, and Mary Chicos



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Vaso Moulas and Christie Tsiplakos - Raffle Chairpersons



Diane Petersen, PDG, Helen Sexton, Dist. Gov. and Marion Parashis Eos Pres., escorting Grand Pres. Saltas



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Elaine Makras, V.P., Penelope Wesley, Cor.Sec., Annette and Yvonne Chiappari, Rec.Sec., Georgia Callas



Mary Chicos, Greek Consul General, Mr. Andreades, and Jan Spanos



Helen Markaton, Sylvia Golfos, PDG, and Manthea Kartinos, PDG



Grand Pres. Saltas and Helen Sexton, Dist. Gov.



Tina Vrionis



Our Brother Ahepans from Golden Gate Chapter #150 treated the Daughters of EOS#1 to a marvelous Sweetheart Night with two delicious Valentine cakes to be shared by all and a box of Valentine candy for each Sister! How generous of our Brothers! A special thank you to Brother Ahepan President Elias Tsiknis and Ahepan Brother Pete Kireopoulos for the complete set up and pictures. We Sisters in EOS#1 do feel spoiled!

High Tea

By: Marion Parashis

EOS#1's Officers and Board were honored by being invited to a High Tea by the Greek Consulate General Ioannis and Mrs. Demetra Andreades at their home on December 6, 2012. Delicious trays of Spanakopita and Crab Pita as well as Mushroom and Salmon Appetizers and yummy Baklava to name just a few were served by our beautiful and generous hostess, Demetra. The elegant Christmas tree was the center of picture taking combining Demetra's friends and family and the Officers of EOS#1. The Season of Christmas continues to bring Sisters closer together and to rekindle the spirit of our Sisterhood. The warmth and love could be felt radiating from the hearts of all of these "special angels" that were gathered in one unique room. The camaraderie and laughter will be remembered for many years, thanks to Mrs. Demetra Andreades.



Mrs. Demetra Andreades- Our Hostess



San Francisco Ahepa Family Christmas Dinner

By: Marion Parashis

On Wednesday evening, December 5, 2012, the Sisters of EOS#1 and the Brothers of Ahepa Golden Gate Chapter #150 celebrated Christmas together with a marvelous Christmas Dinner consisting of turkey and ham and all the trimmings with a delicious chocolate mousse cake for dessert. EOS#1's Treasurer, Yvonne Stamatakis and her husband, John, catered this festive holiday affair. This dinner would not have been complete without the tasty, flavorful wine of Brother Jim Tsiplakos. His wife, Christie, is also talented. Sister Christie supplied all of the exquisite Christmas decorations which added an elegant décor of a spirited season to this room. Sisters Diane Antonis, Vaso Moulas, Eva Skoufis and all of the other Sisters of this Chapter sang delightful Greek Christmas songs to inspire this gorgeous atmosphere. Many toys were collected as well as food for the families in need. Camaraderie is never ending with these two splendid Chapters of our Ahepa Family. With the completion of this wonderful dinner and after adorable pictures were photographed by Sister Stella Kyriakis each Chapter met for their monthly individual meeting. EOS#1 proudly had an initiation of a new Sister and welcomes Sister Katherine Eslinger to this unique Sisterhood. May these two magnificent Chapters of our Ahepa Family, EOS#1 and Ahepa Golden Gate Chapter #150, continue to grow and to celebrate and to assist mankind in this next year with the same spirit of love and unity. They are an outstanding Family of Brothers and Sisters of which all can be proud! A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO President Elias Tsiknis and his Officers and Board! Happy New Year to all!!!



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Eos #1 Members at High Tea-(Christmas Tree)

EOS #1 AHEPA #150 CHRISTMAS DINNER



Micheal and Virginia Pappas and Eva Skoufis



Diane Antonis, Chef Yvonne Stamatakis, Themi Drolapas, John Johns, and Victor Kyriakis



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EOS #1 AT THE MODESTO LUNCHEON, 2013

By Marion Parashis, President EOS#1

It was an honor and a pleasure for EOS#1 Sisters, President Marion Parashis, Vice President Elaine Makras, Governor of the Board Vaso Moulas, Board Members Sophia Goultas, May Kireopoulos, and Eva Skoufis and their San Francisco Ahepan Brothers, President of the Golden Gate Chapter #150 Elias Tsiknis and Jim Dariotes to attend the most historic and beautiful Luncheon hosted by the Modesto Ahepans and the Daughters of Penelope, Phaedra #64 on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

This wonderful and inspiring event was held at the Barnwood Restaurant in Ripon, Ca. The EOS #1 Sisters were excited, because they were going to honor and visit with the Grand National President Joanne Saltas, Grand Vice President Anna Grossomanides, and District 21 Governor Helen Sexton. Sisters Marion Parashis and Elaine Makras were honored when

presented with an ACHIEVE pin by Grand President Joanne Saltas. The lunch was delicious, but most important, the connection was outstanding. All the Sisters in the room enjoyed themselves as it was informative as well. Grand President of the Ahepans Dr. John Grossomanides and his Supreme Lodge as well as Grand President Joanne Saltas, Grand Vice President Anna Grossomanides, and District 21 Governors Helen and Bob Sexton spoke eloquently regarding the Ahepan Family of Brothers and Sisters and their tremendous activities.

A very special thank you to President Tina Gianopoulos of Phaedra #64 and President Stamus Cocoles of Modesto # 246 and their committees for a job well done! The day was pleasantly completed with a side visit to the Livermore Designer Outlets by EOS#1 Sisters enjoying themselves with their unique camaraderie and fun shopping, of course.







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IN MEMORIUM

EFTHIMIA PANTAZY CHOPPELAS

February 16, 1908 - February 7, 2013



Efthimia "Effie" was the beloved wife of the late George N. Choppelas. She was the loving mother of Gene and the late Nicholas Choppelas, and mother-in-law of Jacqueline Cawood Choppelas. Effie was the adoring grandmother Jeannine, Christopher (Judy) Choppelas and Alison & Jonathan Choppelas. She was also the adoring great grandmother of Justin & Renee Kerson, and Liliana & Sebastian Choppelas. Effie was Godmother to

Elena Paras Noble, and aunt to nephews and nieces in the U.S. and Greece.

Effie was born to Constantine and Evdokia Pantazy, of Navplion Greece, in San Francisco at her parent's home on Potrero Hill adjacent to the family business, a barber, grocery, and ice cream shop. She attended Daniel Webster grammar school and graduated from Commerce High School.

Effie worked as a teller at the Bank of Italy (BofA), when she was 18 and clearly remembered the founder, A.P. Giannini. Her father, Constantine, chose George among her many suitors to court his daughter. They were married on January 24, 1932.

A renaissance woman, Effie was athletic, a gifted artist in both watercolors and oils, played piano, and was trilingual (fluent in English, Greek, and Spanish). She was a founding member of the International Hellenic Women's Organization, Daughters of Penelope, a charitable organization with over 10,000 members world-wide for 82 years. She was a real estate agent and broker for Green and Kaufman, and was in the 60+program to attend classes at SFSU. Effie volunteered for the De Young Museum, Legion of Honor, and at the Children's Hospital gift store up until her 90's. Effie was driving in SF until 98 years old.

IN MEMORIUM

MICHAEL PETER PAPPAS

December 4, 1942 - February 15, 2013

Michael Peter Pappas age 70, passed away at home peacefully, with his wife by his side, on February 15, 2013. Beloved husband of Virginia Pappas for 20 years. Devoted father of Stephen, David and Andrew. Loving grandfather of Devaney, Drew, Dashton and Deston. Son of the late Peter and Faith Pappas. Brother of the late Anthony Pappas. Michael is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Michael was a member of the Order of Ahepa and a Past District Governor.



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When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room. Why cry for a soul set free. Miss me a little, but not too long and not with your head bowed low, remember ther love that we once shared, Miss me - but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's Plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know and bury you sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss Me - But Let Me Go

DOP Leto 71, Fresno

by Dr. Eleni Rotous Rockas

YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL, INTELLIGENT, EXCITING!.....

This partially describes the FOUR new initiates who recently became members of our chapter. All of our members were so happy to welcome these young ladies into our order.

FOTINI ALFIERIS is employed by the local Multiple Sclerosis Society and has used her exceptional abilities to raise funds for this worthwhile organization. Fotini is also attending Fresno Pacific College so she can attain her degree in Business Administration. Her husband is Alex Alfieris, attorney at law.

LENA STAVROPOULOS GOMEZ is a science teacher at Clovis West High School. She received her undergraduate degree at University of California Berkeley and her master's degree in biological sciences at University of California Irvine. Her husband is Michael Gomez, attorney at law.

CHRISTINA STAVROPOULOS graduated with a degree from the University of California Irvine and she is tutoring students at the present time.

ELENA STEFANOPOULOS, born in Greece, is the Chief Administrative Officer of Stamoules Produce Company. She graduated from the University of California Fresno with a BA in History.

We are also glad to reinstate Lena and Christina's mother – Alicia Stavropoulos who is married to Ahepan, Dr. Yiannis Stavropoulos M.D.

In December a fantastic CHRISTMAS PARTY was held at the lovely home of **DISTRICT GOVERNOR HELEN SEXTON.** The gourmet food was delicious and our brother Ahepans joined in on our celebration. **Sister Dorothea Gianopulos**, piano teacher, accompanied our singing on Helen's grand piano and Constantine Pappas (Fr. Jim's son and voice major at FSU) led the group.

On January 12 we were privileged to have our Daughters of Penelope Grand President, Joanne Saltas, and Grand Vice President, Anna-Hellene Grossomanides visit us in Fresno as well as the Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Supreme Vice President Anthony Kouzounis, and Supreme Secretary Phillip Frangos. A Filet Mignon Dinner was served at the Manhattan Restaurant and our Ahepa President George Gianopulos welcomed all of our guests.

Sister Anne Kossaras received her 60 year member DOP pin from the Grand Vice President, Anna-Hellene Grossomanides and Brother Kopi Sotiropoulos was a fantastic Master of Ceremonies.

Our April meeting will be preceded by a presentation by Dental Hygienist, Sister Mina Prathaftakis Lighthall on **How to Maintain Your Periodontal Health.**

On March 9, along with the Philoptochos and the Fresno Opera Association, we will present *An Enchanted Evening*. It will be an evening filled with singing, music, food and entertainment presented at our church hall. COME AND JOIN US!!!

Fresno Ahepa Chapter #151 News

by Chris E. Rockas, PSC

"THE VISIT" The big event of 2013 for our chapter occurred on Saturday, January 12, 2013. We had the honor of hosting members of our AHEPA SUPREME LODGE and the DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE GRAND LODGE. Representing the Ahepa Supreme Lodge were: Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Supreme Vice President Anthony Kouzounis and Supreme Secretary Phillip T. Frangos. Representing the Grand Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope were: Grand President Joanne Saltas and Grand Vice President Anna Hellene Grossomanides.

President George Gianopulos welcomed our guests to a well attended filet mignon banquet held at Fresno's upscale Manhattan Restaurant. I would like to point out that Dr. Grossomanides is the third Supreme President to visit our chapter in ninety years! Previous visitations were from Supreme Presidents George Lucas and Anddrew Banis.

Brother Kopi Soteropulos (our ever popular Central Valley Weatherman from KMPH Channel 26) was our Master of Ceremonies who kept the introduction and speeches moving a fine steady clip with much frivolity interspersed along the way. It can easily be said that this was a very memorable fun occasion.

One of the highlights was when Supreme President Grossomanides signed up a new member for our chapter in the person of Andreas Borgeas, who was recently elected a member of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Brother Borgeas was so liked and respected as an outgoing member of the Fresno City Council that he was elected outright in the June 2012 primary.

Supreme President Grossomanides presented a memorable gift to Brothers George Gianopulos, President; Bill Booras, District Executive Secretary and Robert Sexton, District #21 Governor in recognition of their many years of service to our Order.

Next on tap for this year is the joint celebration of the 85th anniversary of our Chapter #151 in conjunction with the 90th anniversary of the Greek Community of St. George. This event is planned for the fall of 2013.

THE VISIT

Supreme and Grand Lodges of AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope Came to Fresno January 12, 2013





























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Lodge members at the Fresno home of District Governors Robert and Helen Sexton.

Lodge members touring Fresno's St. George Church Iconography.





Eleni Koungoulas, Mary Alfieris, Cindy Boukidis, Evelyn Boosalis, Phyllis Makredes, Presdent Madelyn Jones, District Governor Helen Sexton, Katina Scamagas, Dorothy Papangellin and Vera Margiolas.

Fresno Daughters of Penelope, Leto Chapter 71, who gave the DOP Founders Day Coffee after church on Sunday, November 18, 2012.

AHEPA #151 ANNUAL PASTA BINGO December 1, 2012





















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Stockton Chapters DOP Sparta #18 and Ahepa #212 News

By Paulette Richard
January 12, 2013

What was touted as "An Historic Stockton AHEPA National Family Event" with the visit from the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope National Headquarters officers -- AHEPA Supreme President John Grossomanides, Vice-President Anthony Kouzounis, Supreme Secretary Philip Frangos, and Supreme Governor Chris Mellas; Daughters of Penelope Grand President Joanne Saltas and Grand Vice-President Anna-Helene Grossomanides -- turned out to be just that, a wonderful family affair! Supreme President John Grossomanides and Grand Vice-President Anna-Helene Grossomandies are newlyweds, who are enjoying traveling together visiting chapters in our district. District 21 AHEPA District Governor and DOP District Governor, Bob and Helen Sexton, were in attendance and were gracious to escort our visitors to four chapters in the Central Valley beginning with Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto, and to their final destination, Fresno - all in two days!



Greeting and meeting these very special visitors at the beautifully renovated Stockton Hilton Hotel, through the gracious hospitality of Manager and fellow AHE-PAN George Kaplanis, were Tom Chiarchianis, AHE-PA District #21 Lt. Governor and Kathy Leles, DOP District #21 Lt. Governor. Both are members of the Stockton AHEPA Family. Sparta President Deborah Marmas-Buck also attended and welcomed our visitors.

After being led in prayer by our St. Basil parish pastor, Fr. Pangiotis Sotiras, a delicious breakfast was served. Later, Supreme Governor Chris Mellas spoke of the "Journey to Greece" program for college students and how the University of Indianapolis has a campus in Greece and AHEPA is providing incentives

for students to attend. Secretary Philip Frangos, an engaging and often amusing speaker, brought us up-todate on the many AHEPA projects, including the shipping of vital medical supplies to the AHEPA hospital and how we can support it by making donations for shipping. Just one container of \$650,000 worth of donated medical supplies can be shipped to the hospital for only \$15,000. Just think, if everyone donated that dollar or two we spend on a cup of Joe, we could assist our fellow Greeks who are in desperate need of medical care! Vice-President Kouzounis gave us a short lesson on the time-consuming red tape trying to reach the proper government officials to get things done. This is why the container will go through our AHEPA family in Greece and be sent directly to the hospital. No government bureaucrats will get their hands on the equipment. Another big project is rebuilding the beautiful little church in NYC destroyed during 9/11. Daughters of Penelope Grand President Saltas also outlined the many projects and philanthropic endeavors of the Daughters of Penelope. Vice-President Anna-Helene Grossomanides talked about Membership and how to improve our numbers.



Angelo Mitchell was given a pin for being an AHE-PAN over 70 years. His lovely wife, Flossie, was given a DOP pin for a membership of over 60 years. Also, the Grand Vice-President gave Sparta Chapter officers who were present, an "Achieve" pin. Finally, we all sang "Happy Birthday" to brother Steve Facaros, who attended this memorable event on his 91st birthday. Stockton may have small chapters, but we are mighty in dedication.

DOP Sparta #18 News, Stockton

By Paulette Richard

December was a very busy month for the members of the Stockton AHEPA Family. Sparta Chapter #18, Daughters of Penelope continues to grow and thrive as we were fortunate to initiate three new members and reinstate another into our chapter. Once again, we welcome Denise Facaros, Maria Karapanos, Harriet Lappas and Olympia Anagnos who saw first-hand what a great experience our organization offers. We had a fantastic Christmas Party at the new Yasoo Yanni Restaurant at the Elk Horn Country Club on December 10th with 52 Daughters, Ahepans, family members and friends attending. JoAnne Panagopoulos, PDG outdid herself chairing the event and her elves, Sparta President Debbie Marmas Buck and Chairman-of-the-Board PJ Rishard helped her decorate the beautiful room that morning. The plentiful buffet was delicious as was the plethora of desserts. In addition, we enjoyed great music and each table vied for the centerpiece.

Attendees each brought an unwrapped toy for a girl or boy which will be delivered to the children at Mary Graham Hall. Each year we take the time to do this as these are children who have been taken away from their families. With this act of kindness we hope that these children will have a better Christmas. We received kudos the next day from many of the partygoers and expressed that they can't wait for next year! Thanks again to JoAnne Panagopoulos who always sets an excellent example of a hardworking and valued member.

Our chapter also purchased lights for the big evergreen tree in front of Delta College in memory of sisters who have passed away. The Tree of Lights is sponsored by another organization we help - Hospice of San Joaquin.

Scholarship application packets for 2012 are available if you have children or grandchildren graduating from high school or are college students. Please contact PJ Rishard (915-3542) for information or download the form at the District 21 Daughters of Penelope website: http://www.dopdist21.org/Daughters/whatsnew.html. Scholarships will be awarded at the District Convention hosted by the Sacramento AHEPA Family in June at Thunder Valley Casino.

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Supreme/Grand Lodges Visit Modesto Ahepa Family

Modesto Ahepa Chapter 246 and Daughters of Penelope Phaedra Chapter 64 appreciated an historic visit by Ahepa Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Supreme Vice President Anthony Kouzounis, Supreme Secretary Phillip Frangos, Supreme Governor District 8 Chris Mellas, and for the Daughters Grand President-Joanne Saltas, and Grand Vice President Anna Helene Grossomanides.

By all accounts it was the first ever visit by Supreme Officers to the Modesto area. The luncheon was held on January 12, at the Barnwood Restaurant. In addition to District Governors Robert Sexton and Helen Sexton being present, sixty local Ahepans and Daughters and guest appreciated the words of wisdom from the visiting officers including information concerning national programs such as Aid to Greece, Journey to Greece, Ahepa Academy, and most recently Aid to Hurricane Sandy victims.

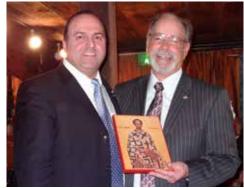
The historic luncheon ended with exchange of gifts by Ahepa President Stamus Cocoles and DOP President Tina Gianopoulos to the National Officers. Appreciation hugs and pictures were many after the closing prayer.



Left to right Supreme Vice President Anthony Kouzounis, Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, Grand President Joanne Saltas, Grand VicePresident Anna Helene Grossomanides, and District Governor Helen Sexton.



Left to right standing District Governor Robert Sexton, seated behind pole Supreme Governor Chris Mellas, Supreme Secretary Phillip Frangos, Supreme Vice President Anthony Kouzounis, and Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides on far right.



President Stamus Cocoles, Modesto Chapter President presenting Saint Crysostom Icon gift to Surpeme President Dr. John Grossomanides.

President Tina Gianopoulos of Phaedra Chapter 64 presenting Hospitality Icon gift to Grand President Joanne Saltas.





Ahepans join together outside Barnwood Restaurant



Daughters & Ahepans join together outside Barnwood Restaurant

San Mateo Ahepa Family Visitation

















District 21 Poker/Bingo Tournament Night

by JoAnne Panagopoulos, Daughters of Penelope, District Treasurer

The Golden Gate District #21 lodge officers Lt. Governors, Tom Chiarchianis and Kathy Leles, planned a fun night of poker and Bingo. This was to benefit the District's scholarship programs. There was food, drink and merriment. Everyone who was there had a good time. There were raffle prizes and prizes for the Bingo winners. The poker tournament and Bingo night took place at Yasoo Yani at Elk Horn Golf Club in Stockton. The staff there was very accommodating.

We had representation from Oakland, San Jose, Modesto; and, of course, our own local people in Stockton. District Governors, Bob and Helen Sexton and Bill Booras came all the way from Fresno to support this event. District Marshal, Cathy Photopoulos and her husband traveled from San Jose to join us.

The big poker winners of the evening were Modesto's Stamus Cocoles, Helen Woods and Effie Bazos. Congratulations! The always-effervescent Nick Leles from Tracy and Mary Gianopoulos from Oakland constantly yelled out BINGO! All in all, we had a fun evening. When the games were over and the prizes were all won, my husband Bill and I invited everyone over to our

home for a drink.

I would like to thank Tom and Kathy for working so hard to make this evening happen. Time and time again, flyers went out, and it was always talked up and promoted at every visitation and social gathering they attended. Unfortunately, it seemed to fall on many deaf ears. The attendance to this very important event was very low. There appears to be a lot of apathy when it comes to trying out new things. These are two people who came up with an idea to help raise funds for the District Scholarship programs, and it was all to no avail.

I, for one, feel we are very fortunate to have Tom and Kathy in our midst. They are young, and they are willing to take chances and try new things. We as a district, which includes all Chapters and all members of those Chapters, should be thankful and need to show our support. WHERE WERE YOU?

Without everyone's support and participation we cannot make progress. Unfortunately, rather than make money, we lost money. When your District Lodge calls on you to participate, please take the time to be there for them.

Tom and Kathy, thank you for a fun evening.



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