



You Heard it through...

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October Meeting, Sat., Oct. 17, 9 AM
District Lodge Visitation!

Fresno Festival Fundraising Fun




Brother Kopi Sotiropoulos in Greek attire in the St. Nicholas Shrine fundraising booth.

August 29, 2015- Under the leadership of brother Jim Boukidis and with volunteers from the chapter and the community, Chapter 151 helped the St. George community in a successful fundraising effort. AHEPA nationally has committed to raising \$500,000 by the end of 2016. Chapters and districts have been called on to donate to fulfill this goal and chapter 151 is doing its part. In order to help reach the goals set for St. George, admissions to the annual festival included a donation, and further donations were solicited at this booth. In addition to brothers Jim and Kopi, brother Chris Rockas, Ted Borgeas helped brother Fr. Jim Pappas in the effort to meet our commitment.

More festival pictures on page 4

<p>Let us not forget</p> <p>Brothers Dave Brandon, James Grousis, Nick Stamoulis, Emanuel Tousounis.</p> <p>Sister Clara Kalomiris, and David Lighthall husband of sister Mina Lighthall.</p>	<p>Sunshine Committee</p> <p>Brothers who are reported as ill or convalescing: Daniel Fischle, Con Michas, James Nicolaou.</p>
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<p><u>Chapter Officers for 2015-2016</u></p> <p>President Michael Gomez Vice President Michael Stavropoulos Secretary Robert Sexton PSG Treasurer Jim Boukidis</p>	<p><u>Board of Governors</u></p> <p>Chairman Michael Makredes George Gianopulos Ted Nassar Steve Alfieris Alex Aretakis</p>
<p>Have You paid Your Dues?</p> <p>The latest roster from HQ lists a total of 55 members in our chapter. Of those, 10 are listed as delinquent, and 13 have not paid for 2015. Dues are only \$70 and are payable at the beginning of the calendar year. Half our membership are behind in their dues. Please, brothers, make your dues payment as soon as possible. Your support is appreciated!</p>	<p>October Birthdays</p> <p>Robert Sexton PSG</p> 

About This Issue

With the beginning of the 2015-16 term, our chapter bulletin takes on a new name and a new appearance. Since we are distributing the bulletin mostly by e-mail, it is easier to add more content, especially pictures. Brother Bill Booras edited our bulletin for many years and we cannot thank him enough for his efforts.

Now, we plan to include more about the chapter and the order. You can help by providing pictures and stories. Send them to rdsexton57@gmail.com. And remember, if you don't show up, your picture won't get in the bulletin. Need ideas? Did you attend an AHEPA event? Did you happen to meet a brother while on vacation? Did you help with a fund raiser or other activity? If you did, take pictures and make notes. All our brothers will be interested in your doings and you will help promote participation. Send them in, brothers. Everything is welcome.

Our Newest Member, Dr. Carl Waddle, PhD.



On his way to becoming a brother AHEPAN, Dr. Carl Waddle has had a highly varied career. Brother Carl was born in 1938 deep in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. His very rural farm life was interrupted by World War II when his father went to work for McDonnell-Douglas in Oklahoma City. They returned to the farm but in 1952, his father took the family west to work the harvests in California and Oregon. A chance meeting of an old friend in Farmersville resulted in them settling there and he has considered the San Joaquin Valley his home ever since.

Carl graduated from high school at the age of 16 and began studies at the College of the Sequoias. After a year at COS, he enlisted in the US Navy in 1956. While in the service, he attended the navy Electronic Technician school and then sailed to the Mediterranean on the USS Charles R. Ware. On completion of his enlistment, he married his high school sweetheart, Dixie in 1960 and went to work for Sprague Electric, then in Visalia, as a junior

engineer working on satellite equipment. Still pursuing his education, Carl resumed studies at COS part time, but when Farmersville incorporated, he ran for City Clerk and was also appointed City Manager, posts which he held for two years.

On deciding to complete his education, Carl and Dixie moved to San Jose. While she taught school, Carl completed a BA in Spanish in 1964 and a Master's degree the following year. He and Dixie returned to the valley where he began teaching Spanish and English at Fresno City College. Carl learned of a Doctoral program in Mexico at the Universidad Jaime Balmes so he and Dixie spent summers in Mexico while he pursued the requirements for a PHD in Spanish language and literature, completing it in July of 1971.

Brother Carl has taught at FCC for 50 years, serving as Dean of the Humanities Division for ten years and as Dean of Health Sciences for another five. He also obtained a certificate of achievement in agriculture and qualified as a registered nurse. As he planned his retirement from active teaching, he became part of the St. George community and now has become an AHEPAN.

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- If you need a ride to chapter meetings, or you can give a brother a ride, let us know. Arrangements can be made to accommodate everyone.
 - We are always looking for new members. Are you? Be proactive and be ready to bring in new members. You never know who will say yes...or when!

MORE FESTIVAL PHOTOS



<Brother Ted Borgeas and bagpipes (?).



<Brother Fr. Jim Pappas.



DOP sister Mavra Patropulos and brother Chris Rockas.

(Thanks to brother Jim Boukidis for photos.)

Some Housekeeping Matters...

The Grapevine is now distributed by e-mail, except to those few members who do not have e-mail access. Just as with your home address, we need your correct e-mail address. Changes do occur from time to time. People move. Sometimes they are using their business address and change jobs. Believe me, brothers, I have had to change my address a number of times over the years.

In the event of a change of e-mail address, be sure to let the chapter know. If you change e-mail address, you should make it a practice to let everyone know by sending a change notice. (Of course, there may be someone you don't want to include, but don't leave us out.) This is something that we cannot know if you don't tell us. And that goes for any of your contact information. AHEPA HQ makes a Change of Address form available on the national website at www.ahepa.org. It is available as a doc file or a fillable pdf. You can send it to me because as chapter secretary, I am responsible for the chapter records. I will send it on to HQ to save you the trouble of sending multiple reports.

You may also be aware that a district database is being constructed as well. I am responsible for that effort so any changes sent to me will certainly be added to the district database. That database, by the way, will include more information than is maintained by HQ and will ultimately serve to make the district even more effective. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Keep us informed, brothers!

Get Connected!

Whether you are a web junkie or not, the internet holds a number of ways to stay current with AHEPA.

Websites: Look for www.ahepa.org for national information. Many of the forms and other information are present or downloadable from the national site. A wealth of links to AHEPA related sites are also found here.

Our district website is www.ahepa21.org. As with the national site, district information along with event pages and the district calendar are maintained here.

Facebook: This is a great way to keep tabs on happenings in AHEPA (as well as everything else of interest to you) and there is a district Facebook page which you can "like". When you do, you will be automatically informed about district happenings, complete with pictures.

E-mail: Our national organization produces a e-bulletin which you can have sent to your e-mail address. Click on the AHEPA e-news link on the national website and enter your e-mail address. It is that simple and you really should do it, if you want to know what your national AHEPA is up to.

Feedback Wanted

What has been left out of this bulletin? What can we leave out? Do you want e-mail from HQ or elsewhere forwarded? Let us know so we can make this bulletin even more effective. Input is always welcome. Send your comments to rdsexton57@gmail.com.

Chapter Factoids

Attendance at the September meeting was 10 brothers. We have a total roster of 55 members, meaning 45 brothers stayed home. Between the executive board, that is, the elected officers, and the Board of Governors, there are nine brothers. Interestingly, that number is the constitutionally required number for a meeting quorum. Were our membership to drop to thirtyfive (35) or less, then the quorum is five (5). If that were to happen, we would then be entitled to only to have two (2) Governors plus the Chairman. Of more importance is the fact that the number of delegates to which we are entitled to send to A supreme convention is determined by our membership. The long and short of it is that our membership count makes us a viable chapter but our participation makes us a valuable chapter. Your active participation matters.

Consider this. If we each attended only one meeting a year, attendance would average 5-6 brothers, not a quorum, and thus no business could be conducted. The chapter would collapse. Attending two meetings a year would double that (and happens to be our average of late.) But three meetings a year per brother would mean we might catch up with our DOP ladies. Their attendance has been impressive of late. Why can't we be as good? You decide brothers. Have a project you want to pursue? You can't do it staying home.

One more incentive. This bulletin is intended to record and report on what we have been doing, as well as to inform you of upcoming events. Pictures are a great way of doing that but we need you in attendance and participating to be able to get your picture. You can't be seen if you aren't there.

And in the Next Issue...

- A more detailed report on the Greek Festival "Rebuild St. Nicholas" campaign so ably chaired by brother Jim Boukidis.
- New member bios for Dr. Ted Nassar and Talbert Simonian. Yes, they didn't make this issue.
- ...and more!

Next Meeting

The November meeting will Wednesday, November 5, 7 PM at St. George.

District Conference

The District Fall Conference will be hosted by San Jose AHEPA Family at St. Nicholas Church. Directions are a bit convoluted but you can Google your way there.

The conference is open to all members of the AHEPA Family! You do not have to be elected, selected, designated or drafted. You simply have to decide to attend. There is always a good representation from the district chapters and usually a representation from the Supreme Lodge.

This is a great opportunity to network with our brothers and sisters and find out what is happening in the district, all this without the pressures or formalities of the district convention. You should plan to attend. It also goes without saying that a good attendance helps the hosting chapter. The hospitality of all the hosting chapters has always been outstanding and San Jose often sets a great example. Your application form is included in this bulletin. Sen it in as soon as possible. See you there!



ORDER OF AHEPA
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT 21



FALL CONFERENCE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015
HOSTED BY THE SAN JOSE AHEPA FAMILY



ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
SMALL HALL
1260 DAVIS STREET - SAN JOSE

WELCOME/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 9:30AM
COMBINED AHEPA & DAUGHTERS MEETING..... 10:30AM
LUNCHEON 12:00PM
INDIVIDUAL AHEPA & DAUGHTERS MEETING 1:00PM
ADJOURN ABOUT 4:00PM

RESERVATION FORM - BY MAIL, PHONE OR EMAIL
(RESERVATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 28, 2015)

NAME _____ CHAPTER _____

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PHONE (_____) _____ EMAIL _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____ @ \$35.00 PER PERSON AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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