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DOP/AHEPA Christmas party wraps up 2016



December 17~ The Daughters of Penelope organized and hosted their annual Christmas Party at the home of DOP President Helen Sexton. As always, the AHEPA brothers were invited to participate. Pictured here, Brother George Gianopulos accompanied by Sister Dorothea, gives a stirring recitation of the Christmas classic, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*. Sisters Cindy Boukidis, Bess Pappas and Helen Stavros enjoying the festivities, and brothers Dr. Ted Nassar, Bill Booras and Dr. Peter Scamagas following suit.




The Empty Chair

John Glenn: Aviator, Astronaut, Senator, American Hero
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Last year, 2016, has been noted for a rash of celebrity deaths. None could have been a more significant loss to us than that of Brother John Glenn. The first American to circle the earth as one of the original seven astronauts, he was also a distinguished fighter pilot, serving in WWII and Korea. He was elected to the US Senate in 1974 and served until 1999. He joined AHEPA Chapter 92 of Steubenville, Ohio and was a recipient of the Pericles

Award in 1993 for excellence in public service. A staunch Philhellene, Brother John Glenn passed way December 8, 2016 at the age of 95.

<p><u>Chapter Officers for 2016-2017</u></p> <p>President Robert Sexton PSG Vice President Dr. Ted Nassar Secretary George Gianopulos Treasurer Jim Boukidis</p>	<p><u>Board of Governors</u></p> <p>Chairman Michael Gomez Michael Makredes</p>
<p>Have You Paid Your Dues?</p> <p>So it never ends. We start again asking you for your dues. Dues are always payable on January 1 and can be paid in advance as far as you like. The annual breakdown is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">National \$45 District 21 \$15 Chapter 151 \$10</p> <p>Your chapter is liable for your national and district dues regardless. Your timely payment keeps us in balance.</p> <p>Thanks to those brothers who have already paid for 2017.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January Birthdays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dio Stefanopoulos</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

- 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!

In Other News...

- At the recent District Convention held in Anaheim last June, Chapter 151 was chosen as AHEPA Chapter of the year. A commemorative plaque was presented to the chapter at the Fall Conference. The plaque will soon be on display in the Sunday School building display cases.
- The District is nearing the fund raising goal of \$50,000 for Phase II of the St. Nicholas Ranch Dorm restoration project. A generous donation from our own brother Dr. Peter Scamagas pushed the fund close to 100%. Work on the next phase will commence this month.
- A decision was made at the most recent Western Regional District Convention to hold future WRDC's at the site of the 2014 WRDC. The events will officially be hosted in rotation by all the districts but the venue will remain the same; The Atlantis Hotel in Reno NV. The next WRDC will take place in 2018.
- Our own district convention will take place in San Jose June 23-24, 2017.

A Supreme Presence



District 21 will be honored with a visit by Supreme President Andrew Zachariades on February 18. A luncheon meeting is planned to take place at Giuseppe's Restaurant in San Ramon starting at 11:00 AM. A special price of \$20 has been arranged for your choice of spaghetti and meatballs, salmon, or chicken parmesan. Further information will be distributed as soon as it is available.

According to District Governor Bill Anton, the Supreme President will make brief remarks and is looking for your comments and questions. A rare opportunity for the district, we should not miss the chance for a face to face encounter with our supreme leadership.

From the AHEPA.com website, this biography Zachariades is an executive-level financial accountant for most of his career where he has overseen complex transactions and billions of dollars of real estate development. For the past 15 years, he has served as the CFO and Controller of FBE Limited LLC, a privately held investment firm located on Wall Street in New York City. He is a graduate of Rutgers University where he was conferred a degree in Managerial Accounting. In addition, he earned an advanced degree in Financial Accounting from the New York Institute of Finance. Zachariades has distinguished himself in his field and is an esteemed member of the Hellenic American Bankers Association. Always looking to give back, Andrew is a frequent lecturer at the Graduate School of Business at William Paterson University, which is part of the New Jersey State University system.