



*You Heard it through...*

# THE GRAPEVINE

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**February Meeting, Thursday, Feb 9, 7 PM**

## **Scholarships Available for 2017**



Our order, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, has a long history of funding and awarding students to help further their college careers. Collectively, it is the biggest program we have. Last year alone, District 21 awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to qualifying students. This year, the goal is do much the same. In addition, there are scholarships available from the national order, and our own Chapter 151 scholarship fund.

As always, time is of the essence for the applications. The national deadline is March 31. The district deadline is April 1. Our chapter deadline is June 30. Applications may be obtained online or from our Scholarship Chairman, brother George Gianopulos. If you know of potential candidates, be sure to encourage them to apply. Eligibility requirements vary but membership in AHEPA, the Sons of Pericles, or of a parent in either AHEPA or the Daughters of Penelope is required for district and national scholarships.

The brothers of AHEPA Chapter 151 express their condolences to brother John Stratigos on the passing of his brother George Stratigos. May his memory be eternal.


## Special Meeting Notice

In an effort to make chapter meetings more accessible to our members

### March meeting

will take place on

## Sunday afternoon, March 12 at 12 Noon

<p><b><u>Chapter Officers for 2016-2017</u></b></p> <p>President        Robert Sexton PSG                  Vice President    Dr. Ted Nassar                  Secretary        George Gianopulos                  Treasurer        Jim Boukidis</p>	<p><b><u>Board of Governors</u></b></p> <p>Chairman        Michael Gomez                                       Michael Makredes</p>						
<p><b>Have You Paid Your Dues?</b></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> <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>National</td> <td>\$45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>District 21</td> <td>\$15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chapter 151</td> <td>\$10</td> </tr> </table> <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>	National	\$45	District 21	\$15	Chapter 151	\$10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February Birthdays</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Constantine Pappas                  Peter Condos                  Alex Aretakis                  Paul Chiames                  Andrew Mastoras</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>
National	\$45						
District 21	\$15						
Chapter 151	\$10						

- 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...

- The District has completed the fund raising goal of \$50,000 for Phase II of the St. Nicholas Ranch Dorm restoration project. Work on this next phase has commenced and will be completed soon.
- 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.

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.