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Zioulas and Vasilogiorgis RE-ELECTED Golden Gate District 21 Governors



Dr. George Zioulas was re-elected Order of Ahepa Golden Gate District 21 Governor at the 84th Annual Golden Gate District #21 and the Western Regional District Convention held together June 21- 24, 2018 at the Atlantis Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada. Brother George is a member of

the San Jose Silicon Valley Chapter.

Foula Vasilogiorgis, who was re-elected Daughters of Penelope District 21 Governor, is a member of Eos #1 Chapter of San Francisco.

Congratulations and best wishes to Brother George and Sister Foula on their journey in 2018-2019.

Please read their messages on pages 3 and 4.



Supreme Convention - Atlantic City, NJ



AHEPA Family Elections

The organizations that comprise the AHEPA Family held elections with the following results: George Loucas, Cleveland, Ohio, was elected AHEPA Supreme President; Demi Thomas, Ridgewood, N.J., was elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President; Gregory Vourloumis, Atlanta, Ga., was elected Sons of Pericles Supreme President; and Tatiana Tsaprailis, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was elected Maids of Athena Grand President.

George Booras, PSG was elected AHEPA Supreme Treasurer. Brother George is a member of the Oakland AHEPA Chapter and served as Region 8 Supreme Governor the past two years.

The Supreme Convention was held July 22-27 at the Atlantic City, New Jersey Harrah's Hotel and Casino.

More Supreme Convention news on pages 10 -12.

**GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT #21
ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018
ST. ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - FRESNO
Hosted by the Fresno Ahepa Family
See page 5 for more information and register form**

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AHEPA District 21 Governor's Message



Sisters, Brothers:

It is an honor and privilege to be elected to serve as District Governor for one more year. I want to thank the delegates of the Convention for continuing to place their trust in me to lead the District.

The Western Region District Convention in Reno was wonderful. We got to meet brothers and sisters of districts 17, 20 and 22 and exchange ideas that will help to grow and strengthen our Organization. I would like to thank the Convention Committee for all their hard work, providing a fun and enjoyable event. Big thanks to the Reno Chapters for hosting the Greek Night Glenti and to our PDG Bill Anton for being the master of the ceremonies at the banquet. This year we were honored by the presence of Supreme President Hollister, Grand President Fomalont, SOP Supreme President Poulos and MOA Grand President Shakolas. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$8,500 in scholarships to high school graduates and college students. Congratulations to the recipients for their achievements!

I am happy to announce that the Projects Committee has selected to participate in the Dogs for Warriors making it a District project. This program is raising funds to train service dogs for wounded veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. These dogs are rescued from animal shelters and are specially trained to provide the veterans with companionship and to assist them on their path to recovery and help them manage their disabilities. Our District is planning to raise \$15,000 to get a dog and name it. The Fresno Chapter has already pledged \$3,000. We hope that other Chapters will follow their example. Please reach out to your communities as this project is honoring our veterans and provides a great opportunity to promote AHEPA and its dedication to philanthropy and civic responsibility. See more details about donations in another part of the Traveler.

In addition to this project we are also continuing to support the St Nicholas Ranch Dormitory Renovation. We are in the final phase of the project and not too far from reaching completion.

The National Convention at the Harrah's Resort and Casino Convention Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, was a success. There was a lot of enthusiasm and many young members are ready to lead the Organization in the coming years. George Loucas was elected the new Supreme President. Congratulations to our Brother George Booras, from the Oakland Chapter, for being elected Supreme Treasurer! Unfortunately during the Convention everyone's attention was fixed on the devastating fires in Eastern Attica, near Athens. AHEPA immediately mobilized its Emergency Relief Fund for the purpose of providing humanitarian aid and recovery assistance to the people of Greece and raised \$100,000 before the end of the Convention. We should all be proud to be members of an Organization that responds quickly and effectively in times of need.

As the end of summer is approaching, I am looking forward to working with all of you to increase our membership and strengthen our Chapters. I hope to meet many of you during the visitations.

With brotherly regards,

George Zioulas

District #21 Governor

Daughters of Penelope District Governor's Message



Dear Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. As the 2018-2019 year begins, I would like to thank the District Convention Delegation for electing me to a second term as your District Governor. It has been a very rewarding experience serving the District, and I have enjoyed visiting your chapters and getting to know all of you.

Our newly-elected District Lodge includes: Linda Belba, Lt. Governor; Barbara Takanikos, Secretary; Laurie Sahines; Treasurer; Sylvia Maritsas, Marshal; Beverly Kennedy, District Advisor; Kathy Leles, Maids of Athena Advisor; Linda Belba will continue as our Scholarship

Chair shadowed by Alicia Frangos

Congratulations to District Penelope of the Year, Diane Petersen from Artemis #5 in Sacramento and to District Daughter of the Year, Yvonne Chiappari from EOS #1 San Francisco.

Congratulations are extended to our re-elected AHEPA District Governor, George Zioulas, and his Lodge. It was a great pleasure serving with George this past year, and I look forward to another successful year together.

Thank you to the Reno chapter for hosting the Glendi at the Western Regional District Convention.

Our warmest congratulations to our newly-elected Grand Lodge Officers: Grand President Demi Thomas of Wyckoff, New Jersey; Grand Vice President Celia Kachmarski of Calgary, AB, Canada; Grand Secretary Kathy Bizoukas of Munster, IN; Grand Treasurer Georgette Boulegeris of Bedminster, NJ; Grand Governor Zone I Kathy Matrakas of Silver Spring, MD; Grand Governor Zone II Stella Sirks of Orlando, FL; Grand Governor Zone III & District 21 Liaison Demi Cross of Cheyenne, WY; Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi of Spokane, WA; Grand Governor Zone V Margaret Dritsas of Ottawa, ON, Canada; Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Charrie Regopoulos of Springsboro, OH.

The 2018-2019 National Penelope of the Year recipient is Helen Nicholas of Loveland Ohio.

Please save the following dates: Saturday, October 20 for the Fall Conference in Fresno and Saturday, November 17 for the annual Founder's Day Luncheon hosted by EOS #1.

We are in the process of finalizing our visitation calendar for the coming year. So far here are the confirmed visitations:

- Reno – Saturday September 29 at Saint Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church
- San Francisco – Wednesday October 3 at Holy Trinity Church
- San Jose – Saturday January 12, 2019 at St. Nicholas Church

I want to thank all the Daughters and AHEPANS who supported our DOP District 21 fundraiser for the third phase of the St. Nicholas Ranch AHEPA Family dorm renovation project. A final accounting of this fundraiser effort and the Phase 3 project account balance will be presented at the Fall Conference. The prize drawing was held at the WRDC Grand Banquet in Reno.

Thank you to many chapters for communicating with me of your events throughout the year. Please continue to send me your announcements so I can include them in my monthly bulletin.

All members of the District Lodge look forward to meeting and chatting with you during our Chapter visitations. I look forward to working together for the Good of the Order for a successful year!

Love in Theta Pi,

Foola Vasilogiorgis

District 21 Governor

AHEPA District 21 Fall Conference



Saturday, October 20, 2018
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
2219 N. Orchard
Fresno CA 93703

9:30 AM **continental breakfast**
10:30 AM **Joint session**
12:00 PM **lunch**
1:30 PM **AHEPA/DOP/SOP/MOA**
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Mail to: Robert / Helen Sexton
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 Clovis CA 93619

inquiries: 559-325-7528

* registration waived for SOP/MOA.



Celebrate our Anniversary

89th Founders Day

With

Mother Lodge EOS Chapter No. 1

*All are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the
89th Anniversary of the Founding of the*

Daughters of Penelope

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Lake Merced Golf Club

2300 Junipero Serra Boulevard - Daly City, CA 94015

Cocktails 11:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm

Adults \$55 Children 12 and under \$25

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AHEPA Service Dogs for wounded Warriors suffering from PTSD

AHEPA continues to raise awareness about the consequences of PTSD and the extraordinary efforts to improve the quality of life of veterans made possible through service dogs.

For more information please visit www.ahepa-servicedogs.org.

To donate send checks (made to "AHEPA District 21"
memo: For Dogs for Warriors) to:

AHEPA District 21
P.O.Box 18703
San Jose, CA 95158

You can also donate online by visiting the
District 21 website: www.ahepa21.org

Please include return address for receipt.



AHEPA Family District 21 Project

AHEPA & DOP Chapters



ST. NICHOLAS RANCH BOYS DORM RENOVATION PROJECT

Total project cost \$ 180,000

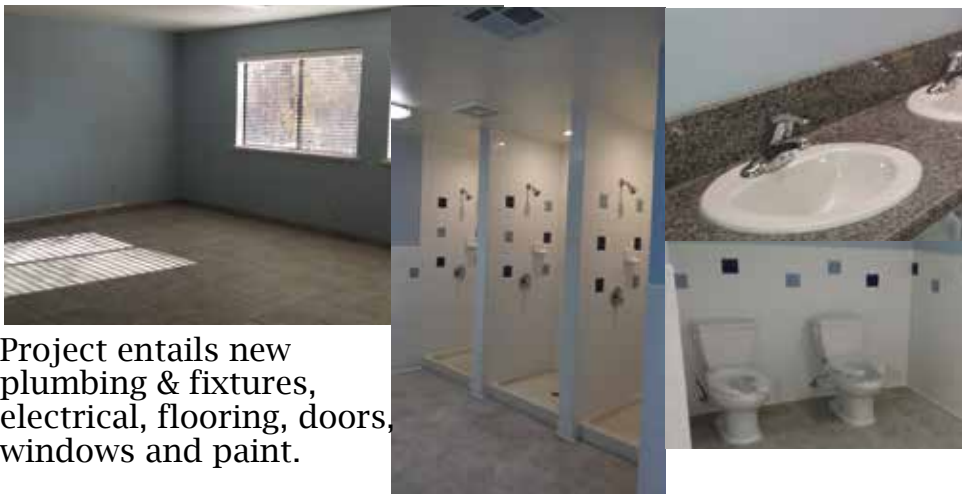
Completed Phases I & II - consisting of two dorm rooms - at cost of \$100,000

Remaining goal of \$ 80,000 to complete third dorm section (\$50K) and conference room (\$30K)

Your generous contributions will help us reach our Phase III and Phase IV goals.

\$ 180,000
Total Goal

\$ 100,000
Achieved



Project entails new plumbing & fixtures, electrical, flooring, doors, windows and paint.

Individual, corporate or group donations welcomed and appreciated.

Please make checks payable to Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco - indicate AHEPA Dorm Project in memo

Hand checks to Chapter President ... or mail to Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !



AHEPA Family 2018-2019 Tentative District Visitation Dates and Events

2018

Sat	Sep 29	Reno - St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church - 9:30am
Wed	Oct 3	San Francisco - Holy Trinity Church - 6:30pm
Sat	Oct 20	Fresno - Fall Conference and Visitation - St. George Church - 9:30am
Sat	Nov 17	Daughters of Penelope Founder's Day celebration

2019

Sat	Jan 12	San Jose - St. Nicholas Church - 9:30am
Jun 14-16		District 21 Convention - Hilton Hotel in Stockton, California
Jun 30-JUL 5		Supreme Convention - Palmer Hotel in Chicago, Illionis



AHEPA Campaign to Build Saint Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center

September 11 was a national tragedy that forever changed America. Nearly 3,000 lives were lost; 39 of who were Greek Americans. Also lost that fateful day was the only House of Worship destroyed by the 9/11 attacks Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

The effort to rebuild Saint Nicholas was mired in bureaucracy. AHEPA's "Cut the Red Tape!" campaign proved effective in helping to budge the bureaucracy of the New York/New Jersey Port Authority to allow for the construction of Saint Nicholas at Ground Zero.

Now the time has come to build the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center. AHEPA and its affiliated organizations, the Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athena, will support the campaign to build the Saint Nicholas National Shrine by raising funds during the next two years.

Ohio Native Loucas Elected Supreme President in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The delegates of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (Order of AHEPA), the leading service association for the nation's millions of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes, elected George E. Loucas, Esq., of Novelty, Ohio, Supreme President at the 96th Annual Supreme Convention, Atlantic City, N.J. Loucas ran unopposed in elections that were held July 26, 2018. Formal installation ceremonies were held July 27, 2018.



“It is an honor and privilege to be elected AHEPA Supreme President, and I am humbled to carry the mantle of leadership for our Order,” Loucas said. “My sincere appreciation is given to the convention delegates who placed their love, support and trust in me to lead this remarkable organization in the coming year.”

“The need to provide community service and humanitarian assistance is ongoing, both in the United States and abroad, as we have witnessed with the deadly and devastating wildfires in Greece,” Loucas said, adding he will head to Greece in September to assess how best to provide assistance to the victims. “I am eager to work with our AHEPA family, and the diaspora, to address this crisis, as well as other challenges that may come our way.”

He added, “Separately, the promotion of Hellenic ideals will always be a priority for AHEPA, and I pledge to keep AHEPA on a steady path set forth by my predecessors with a spirit that is true to our mission.”

In his inaugural remarks at the Installation Ceremony, Loucas reminded those in attendance to not forget their history and that everyone is a legacy charged with carrying the mantle of heritage. “It [History] helps to guide us for what we do today and for our future as we, AHEPA, approach 100 years of existence,” he said.

Meet Supreme President George E. Loucas

Loucas is a 37-year member of Chapter 480, North Royalton, Ohio. He has served AHEPA in numerous leadership positions, including most recently, supreme vice president. In addition, Loucas comes from an AHEPA legacy of leaders. His grandfather, George, served as Supreme President in 1959. As supreme president, Loucas's responsibilities include being the chief executive officer, and principal spokesperson, of the entire AHEPA domain, which includes chapters in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Loucas, a pharmacist and 3rd generation lawyer, founded Loucas Law in 1995 with a vision of helping families who have suffered catastrophic injuries and wrongful death in the area of complex civil litigation. He is regarded widely as a leader in fighting Drug Overdose Death (Drug OD) cases from prescription painkillers. Loucas is a graduate of the Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University, where he received his Juris Doctor degree, and West Virginia University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. George became a Registered Pharmacist and worked in the pharmaceutical industry while attending law school. Loucas, his wife, Sandra, have a son, Max, and daughter, Lexi.

The 2018-19 Supreme Lodge

The AHEPA Supreme Lodge is the international governing body of the organization.

In addition to Supreme President Loucas, the Executive Committee of the 2018-19 Supreme Lodge is comprised of: Canadian President Christos Argiriou, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Supreme Vice President James Kokotas, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Supreme Secretary George Horiates, Esq., Moorestown, N.J.; Supreme Treasurer George Booras, Danville, Calif.; and Supreme Counselor Louis G. Atsaves, Esq., Lake Forest, Ill.; Sons of Pericles National Advisor is Sandy Papadopoulos, Atlanta, Ga., and Supreme Athletic Director Chris Atsaves, Glenview, Ill.

The nine Supreme Governors are: Region I: Peter Nassos, Stone Mountain, Ga.; Region II: George Papaspyrou, Riva, Md.; Region III: George Karatzia, Morganville, N.J.; Region IV: Jack Isaac, New Britain, Conn.; Region V: Craig Theros, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Region VI: Peter Lekas, Chicago; Region VII: Nick Dixie, Dallas, Texas; Region VIII: Wynn Storton, Palm Desert, Calif.; and Region X: Phanos Pitiris, Nicosia, Cyprus.

Elected to the Executive Committee of the AHEPA Board of Trustees were: Chairman Nicholas A. Karacostas, PSP, Bayside, N.Y.; and Vice Chairman Carl R. Hollister, PSP, Mason, Ohio.

Thomas Elected Grand President of Daughters of Penelope

The delegates of the Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope (DOP) elected Demi Thomas, Grand President for the 2018-2019 administrative year. Elections were held July 27th, at the 96th Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention, Atlantic City, NJ.



Meet Grand President Demi Thomas.

The 44 year member hails from San Bernardino, California. Thomas, joined the Amphitrite Chapter #175 in San Bernardino, California in District 20, transferred to Cadmus Chapter #165 in Paramus, New Jersey, and is now a member of Agape Chapter #336 in Wyckoff, New Jersey. She has been a member of the AHEPA family for more than 40 years since joining the Maids of Athena at the age of 14. She has served numerous leadership positions with the Daughters of Penelope, including most recently, Grand Vice President. In addition, she has served on the Boards of the District 5 Cancer Foundation and District 5 Educational Foundation; the latter as its chairman. Moreover, Grand President Thomas participated in writing the Holocaust in Greece New Jersey Curriculum.

Thomas and her husband, Sammy, have two daughters, and a granddaughter. They are members of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Wyckoff, N.J. There, Thomas has served as director of Religious Education, has chaired the local and district Oratorical Festival, and is a member of the Philoptochos Board.

Thomas teaches Social Studies at Teaneck Community Charter School (TCCS), a middle school in Teaneck, N.J., where she serves as the Department chair. She is a former board member of Friends of TCCS. Thomas also is active civically. She has held leadership positions with the Home and School Association of Somerville Elementary School, having served as its president; and the Federated Home and School Association. Thomas is also a past board member of ABC Cancer.

2018-2019 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge

In addition to Grand President Thomas, the following individuals were elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge:

Grand Vice President Celia Kachmarski of Calgary, AB, Canada; Grand Secretary Kathy Bizoukas of Munster, IN; Grand Treasurer Georgette Boulegeris of Bedminster, NJ; Grand Governor Zone I Kathy Matrakas of Silver Spring, MD; Grand Governor Zone II Stella Sirks of Orlando, FL; Grand Governor Zone III Demi Cross of Cheyenne, WY; Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi of Spokane, WA; Grand Governor Zone V Margaret Dritsas of Ottawa, Canada; and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Charrie Regopoulos of Springsboro, OH.



Front Row L to R: Grand Vice President Celia Kachmarski, Grand President Demi Thomas, and Grand Treasurer Kathy Bizoukas. Back Row L to R: Grand MOA Advisor Charrie Regopoulos, Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi, Grand Governor Zone III Demi Cross, Grand Governor Zone II Stella Sirks, and Grand Governor Zone I Kathy Matrakas.

Congratulations also to AHEPA Supreme President George Loucas of Cleveland, OH, Sons of Pericles Supreme President Gregory Vourloumis of Atlanta, GA, and Maids of Athena Grand President Tatiana Tsaprailis of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



**2018 Supreme Convention
Atlantic City, New Jersey
July 23 -30, 2018**

Supreme Officers Elect
Wynn Storton, Supreme Governor Zone 8
George Loucas, Supreme President
George Booras, Supreme Treasurer



Attending: Mary Gravilis, Vaso Moulas, Foula Vasilogiorgis, DOP District 21 Governor, Dr. George Zoulas, Ahepa District 21 Governor, Beverley Kennedy, PDG, George Booras, Supreme Treasurer, Joanne Booras, PGP and Jan Spanos, PGP.

Wynn Storton, Supreme Governor Zone 8, George Booras, Supreme Treasurer, and Dr. George Zioulas, District 21 Governor.



2018 WESTERN REGIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION Reno, Nevada June 23-25, 2018



District 21 Governor Dr. George Zoulas speaking at the Grand Banquet



District Treasurer Chris Frangos, Supreme President Carl Hollister, District 21 Governor Dr. George Zioulas, Supreme Governor Geore Booras, Past Supreme President Andy Banis



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE 2018/2019 DISTRICT 21 LODGE OFFICERS

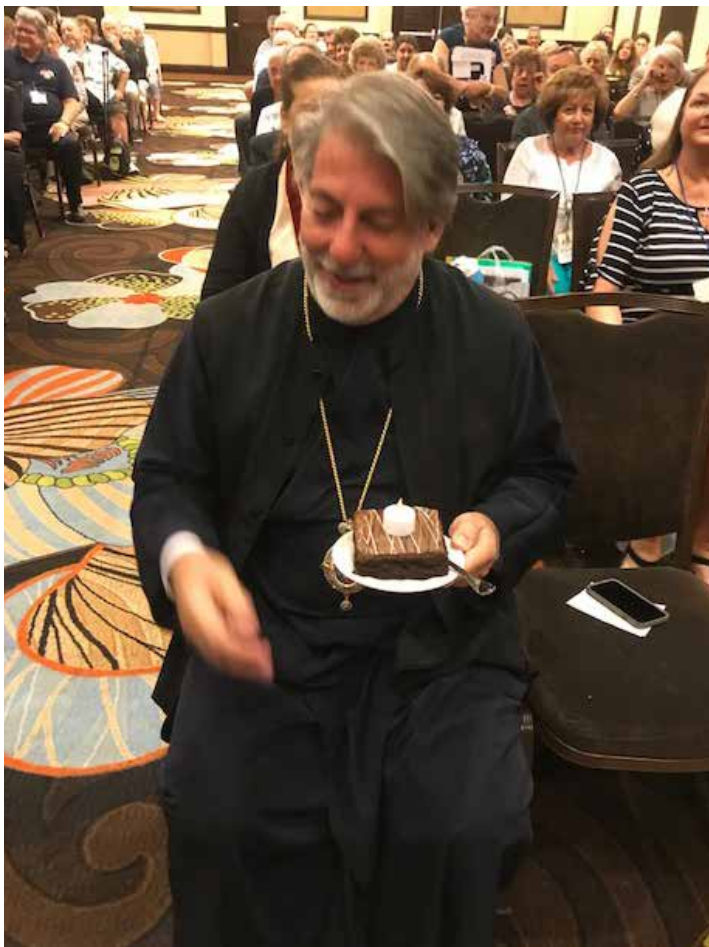
AHEPA 2018/2019 DISTRICT 20 LODGE OFFICERS WITH SUPREME PRESIDENT HOLLISTER AND SUPREME GOVERNOR BOOROS













Oakland AHEPA Chapter #153



During the banquet at the 2018 WRDC, Oakland Chapter 171 President Dennis Davis presented a \$2,500 check towards the Phase Three renovation effort for Saint Nicholas Ranch to Fundraising Co-Chairman Bill Anton. At the conclusion of the banquet, brothers from the chapter gathered for a photo with Supreme President, Carl Hollister, Supreme Governor, George Booras, and Past Supreme President, Andy Banis.



Oakland AHEPA Chapter #153



Oakland Chapter 171 conducted officer elections at its June monthly meeting. The chapter officers and Board of Governors are: President Dennis Davis, Vice President Bill Bournazos, Treasurer John Aronis, Administrative Secretary Harry Metaxas, Recording Secretary George Polyzos.

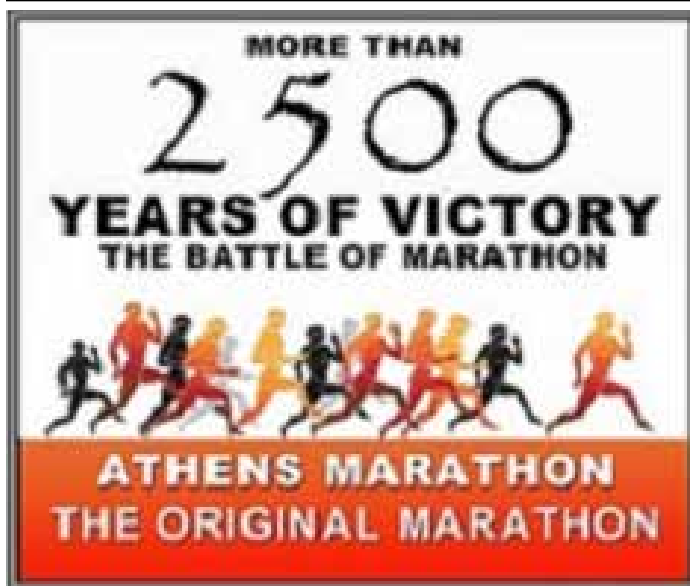
The following members will serve on the Board of Governors. Steve Samoulides, Chairman, Bill Anton, Andy Banis, George Booras, George Konstantopoulos, Dionysios Litsas, Steve Miller, Pete Stathakos.

George Booras, Supreme Governor Region 8, administered the oath of office.

This page and the next page submitted by Steve Samoulides

AHEPA Golden Gate Chapter and Eos Chapter Agape Dinner 2018

President Peter Kireopoulos of San Francisco Ahepa Golden Gate Chapter #150 and President Eva Skoufis of Eos #1 of Daughters of Penelope present donation from the Agapi Dinner to Father Aris of Holy Trinity Church.



2,500 Years of Heroic Running...The modern Athens Marathon commemorates the run of the soldier Pheidippides from a battlefield at the site of the town of Marathon, Greece, to Athens in 490 B.C., bringing news of a Greek victory over the Persians. Legend has it that Pheidippides delivered the momentous message "Niki!" ("victory"), then collapsed and died, thereby setting a precedent for dramatic conclusions to the marathon.

When the modern Olympic games were inaugurated in 1896 in Greece, the legend of Pheidippides was revived by a 24.85 mile (40,000 meters) run from Marathon Bridge to Olympic stadium in Athens. Traditionally the final event in the Olympics, the first organized marathon on April 10, 1896 was especially important to all Greeks. Greece was hosting those first modern Olympic Games. The Greeks had yet to win a medal, and had one final chance to bring glory to their nation. Twenty-five runners assembled on Marathon Bridge. The starter mumbled a few words and fired the gun, and the race was on. "The excitement of the crowd waiting at the finish line at the newly constructed replica of Athens' ancient stadium was beyond description" writes the Greek historian Quercetani. Spiridon Louis, a Greek postal worker from the village of Marusi and veteran of several long military marches, crossed the finish line a full seven minutes ahead of the pack. His time was 2 hours, 58 minutes, 50 seconds for the 40 kilometer distance. When it was all over nine runners finished, 8 of them Greeks. The host nation was ecstatic, and the marathon was born.

AHEPA Silicon Valley Chapter San Jose News . . .

Past District 21 Governor Steve Bolaris and wife Valerie are proud to announce their son's completion of his doctoral program.



Stephen C. Bolaris, PhD.

Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics

University of California, Riverside (Summer 2018)

Stephen completed five years to achieve his PhD and was awarded his Doctoral Hood at the Spring Commencement ceremony. This achievement followed his bachelor degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of Arizona and several years working in Silicon Valley.

His hooding ceremony was witnessed by his parents, Steve and Valerie Bolaris, his sister Anastasia and her daughters, Keira, Makyla, and Anika, and sister Christina, his brother in law, Nick Kokologiannakis and their children, Stella, John, and William, and Stephen's brother, Michael Bolaris, M.D.

Stephen accepted a position as Scientist at BioConsortia, Davis, California. The entire Bolaris family and relatives want to share the joy of another successful son of Crete. Stephen's pioneering work is certain to make the world a better place.



AHEPA VETERANS REGISTRATION

AHEPA Medal for Military Service is awarded to all veterans in Honor of their service to the United States.

“The Mission of the Order of AHEPA Veterans Committee is to archive and recognize all veterans of the Order and Hellenic community through sound communication and publication. Furthermore, to conduct fund raising and philanthropic outreach through a cohesive, limited, yet well defined activity that reflects well on the Order of AHEPA and brings credit to the organization at large.”

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.

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