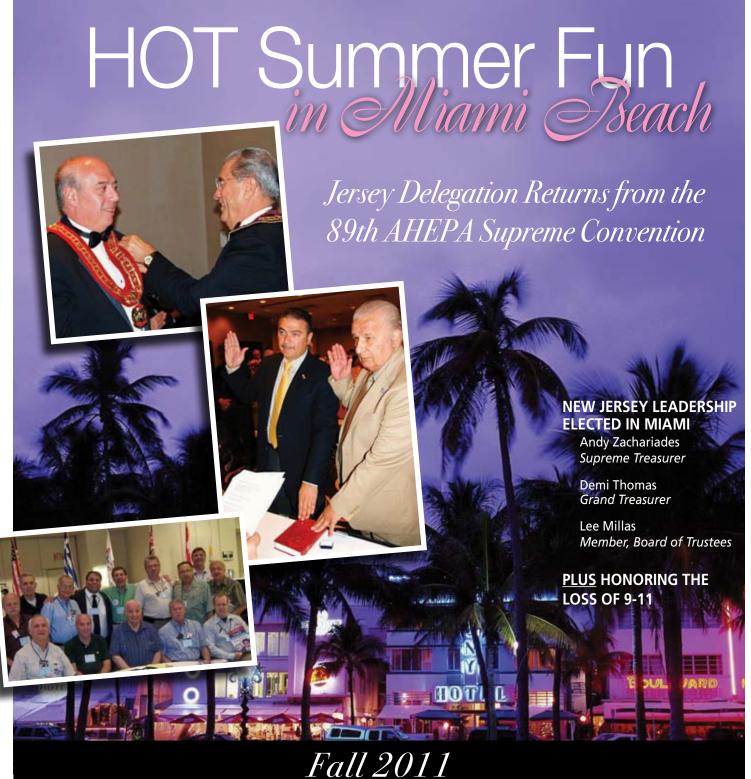
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#### Message From Our District Governor

## SAVAS C. TSIVICOS

Dear Brothers,

It gives me a great pleasure to communicate with you and wish you all a very wonderful and productive year! It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve as your District Governor! Thank you for your confidence in me and for your continued support. We have a very busy year ahead of us full of challenges and your active participation and support will certainly make a tremendous difference.

We have already started our visitations to our chapters and have made arrangements for a few events. Please consider attending these events to insure their success. The first event coming up is the Wildwood Weekend chaired by Brothers George Horiates, PDG and John Rozanitis. It will take place on September 30th, October 1st and 2nd at the Acropolis Oceanfront Resort, JFK and the Beach, North Wildwood, NJ. The rate is only \$175 for a double occupancy! It includes accommodations, full breakfast,

Dinner and a Farewell Luncheon! Don't miss it! Please reserve now! Please send in your check to brother, Gust C. Kraras, PDG at 26 E. Lancaster Avenue, Reading, PA 19607.

The second event scheduled is a district workshop for chapters in the northern part of our district on October 8th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It will be hosted by the Ramapo Chapter #453 in Wyckoff, NJ at the St. Nicholas Church, at the AHEPA Family Center. Please note the date and make plans for your entire chapter lodge to attend. It will be informative and worthwhile.

The third event is a district workshop as well for chapters in the southern part of our district! It is set for October 15th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and it will be hosted by our South Jersey Chapter #162 in Vineland, at St. Anthony's Church Hall, 430 W Wheat Rd, Vineland, NJ. Please mark your calendars and make it a priority to be there!

Our District is one of the most active Districts in the AHEPA domain and we need to make sure that District 5 continues

to raise the bar! Our top priority is to increase membership and help the less active chapters overcome the challenges they are facing! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any help or advice you may need! Your District Lodge is at your disposal! A number of mass invitations will take place and I urge all the chapter officers to make a concerted effort to bring in new members!

Lastly but not least, we will continue to work very closely with the Daughters of Penelope in pursuing our common goals. I am looking forward to working very closely with each and every one of you in order to advance the mission of AHEPA! Being a member of AHEPA is a huge privilege but it carries certain responsibilities as well! Let's all renew our commitment to the greatest organization to insure that the Hellenic ideals advance further and higher!

Proud to be an Ahepan! Savas C. Tsivicos District Governor



#### Message from Daughters of Penelope District Governor

# KAREN MAROUSSIS

Dear Brothers and Sister of the 5th District AHEPA Family,

Before we know it, you will be having your first chapter meeting as well as sharing and planning your events. The District Lodge has been busy this summer planning various events and changes for the Good of the Order. We continue to work together and are here to assist all chapters.

This past June we started our year off with the 5th District Education Foundation "Day at the Races", which was well attended with a day of good food and friends and some very lucky winners!

I would like to share with you the objectives of the Daughters of Penelope "to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy,

Civic Responsibility, and Family & Individual Excellence. The Daughters of Penelope encourages and promotes loyalty to the country in which they live; cultivates the ideals and traditions of Hellenism; promotes opportunities of education; and promotes the spirit of cooperation and works closely and in harmony with the whole AHEPA Family. This years District Lodge will continue to promote the order as such and will be working closely our chapters as we continue to promote the Daughters of Penelope as a whole. The Daughters District Lodge is complete with Sisters who are committed to our order and ready to serve proudly with me in our district.

Your District Lodge Liaisons have reached out to you this summer so we can prepare

our visitations and attend your events as well. Please mark your calendars for the District Workshop, on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church, Jersey City, NJ at 10:00 AM. The workshop is for all Daughters of the 5th District. We hope to see many of you there. As we continue with the objectives of the Daughters of Penelope this year the lodge will be focusing on "Purple". If you are not sure what "Purple" stands for please make every effort to attend the District Workshop to find out, you will not be disappointed!

Yours in Theta Pi, Karen Marousis, District Governor

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#### Business Manager's Fall Issue Message

# PHIL VOGIS

#### Brothers,

I hope your summer has been very enjoyable. I had the pleasure of attending the 89th Supreme Convention in Miami, Florida. One of my tasks was to present our District #5 AHEPA Voice magazine to the National Publication Board to be judged among other District magazines. There was an extensive review by the National Publication Board headed by Brother James Scofield and his Board. After anxiously awaiting for three days for their decision, on Friday morning at the General Session it was announced that the AHEPA Voice magazine won the FIRST Prize! I want to thank all the Brothers for their support and particularly Brother Louis Arvanitis past Business Manager of the AHEPA Voice for all his hard work that he put in to our magazine. I look forward to the next supreme convention that we can again come home with more awards. Looking forward to a great AHEPA Year.

Fraternally,

Brother Phil Vogis-PDG, AHEPA Voice, Business Manager



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Supreme Treasurer Fall Message

# ANDREW C. ZACHARIADES

#### Brothers

It is an honor to be elected as Supreme Treasurer of our great Order. On the onset, I would like to thank all of the brothers throughout the country for their support. It is a privilege for me to represent, not just as a national officer, but also my brothers in District # 5.

Much has transpired within the AHEPA over the past number of years. We are evolving as fraternal organization as our society changes around our everyday lives. That is where our challenge lies. We must rise to the occasion to meet these challenges and when necessary take the lead or, when appropriate, stand together to defend our values.

I look forward to continuing to visit all of the chapters to promote the programs of our Supreme President, Dr. John Grossomanides, along with the Supreme Lodge.

Fraternally,

Andrew C. Zachariades

Supreme Treasurer, Order of AHEPA

## John G. Thevos District No. 5 Scholarship Program Year 2011

The Scholarship Committee of the 5th District Scholarship Program is pleased to announce that this year we were able to present awards totaling Six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to worthy young people of our AHEPA 5th District. Applications were sent to all chapters in our District the distributed in their AHEPA communities. We received twenty completed applications. Of this number we were able to present six awards.

This year, again, we enlisted the aid of teachers from Central Regional Schools, Hackensack Schools, and Bayonne Schools under the supervision of Triantafillos Parpanides, Superintendent of Central Regional Schools. In their letter of comments, they selected six students in terms of scholarly achievements, community orientations, and academic promise. the scholarship awards were as follows:



**Gregory G. Facas** 



Niko P. Birbilis



**Christopher Bliziotis** 



**Pamela Cousoulis** 



John Vittas



Sophia Chrysantou

**Gregory G. Facas** received an award of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500). He graduated from Moorestown Township Public Schools, Moorehead, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Camden Chapter No. 69 Cherry Hill, New Jersey where his father maintained his membership in the AHEPA. Gregory will be entering Delaware University to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering.

**Christopher Bliziotis** received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). He graduated from Hammilton High Shcool East, Hamilton, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Trenton Chapter No. 72 Trenton, New Jersey where his mother maintained her membership in the Daughters of Penelope. Christopher will be entering Mercer County College majoring in Chemical Engineering to pursue his goal to specialize in Food Science.

**John Vittas** received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). He graduated from Wayne Hills High School, Wayne, New Jersey. He was sponsored by Ramapo Chapter No. 453 Wycoff, New Jersey where his father maintained his membership in the AHEPA. John will be entering the University of Maryland to major in Broadcast Journalism.

**Niko P. Birbilis** received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). He graduated from Moorestown Township Public Schools, Moorestown, New Jersey. He was sponsored my Camden Chapter No. 69 Cherry Hill, new Jersey where his father maintained his membership in the AHEPA. Niko will be entering Hellenic College majoring in religious studies and later to the Seminary.

**Pamela Cousoulis** (Wildwood Weekend Award) received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). She graduated from Brick Memorial High School, Brick, New Jersey. She was sponsored by Ocean County Chapter No. 467 Toms River, New Jersey where her father maintained his membership in the AHEPA. Pamela will be entering Monmouth University, majoring in Liberal Arts.

**Sophia Chrysantou** (award provided by Nat'l Headquarters) received an award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). She graduated from Ranny School, Tinton Falls, New Jersey. She was sponsored by Ocean County Chapter No. 467 Toms River, New Jersey where her father maintained his membership in the AHEPA. Sophia will be entering Moravian College, majoring in Liberal Arts.

The members of the Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate teh recipients and wish them good luck in their college education and future endeavors. The names of the awards were acknowledged at our annual District Convention at the Daughters of Penelope Luncheon, held at the Grand Versailles Hotel, Maple Shade, New Jersey on Saturday afternoon June 4th.

Before I close, the scholarship committee would like to thank those Chapters in our District who supported the Scholarship Fund by paying their capita tax to our fund. All chapters must participate and pay their Per Capita Tax to the District Scholarship Program.

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

he AHEPA family from the US, Canada & Greece, converged on the luxurious Fontainbleau Hotel & Resort in Miami Beach during the weekend of July 22-27. It was a great convention with activities galore to keep us busy and plenty of gorgeous scenery. While we weren't dancing in the aisles there was still business to conduct. Some of us Ahepa-holics spent our time in the meeting rooms and left our Speedos and string bikinis in the suitcase. Here is some of what made it a memorable and fun-filled week.

**Activities** The variety of activities at this convention were unprecedented. The Athletics Department organized plenty of sporting events to keep the youth busy. There were golf, softball and basketball



# Jersey Shore Meets Recollections of the 89th Supreme Convention

tournaments all week long. If gaming was more your speed, you could have tried your luck at the tables during the casino night or the tayli tournament. For couples, there was a ball room dance contest. Of course there was Greek dancing every night. However, many people's favorite was the "koulouraki" baking contest. There were several lectures that were held throughout the course of the week. I attended a lecture on Greece's involvement in WW II, called "The First Victory" by George C. Vlytas. It was very enlightening for history buffs, like myself. Other lectures were on the future of Hellenism and on teaching aids on learning Greek. There was a performance by Basile, the comedian and

a Greek singer plus off-site after hour dinner parties with belly dancing at Taverna OPA.

NJ/DE Delegation The NJ/DE AHEPA voting delegation was at about 15 Ahepans. There were more in attendance but some did not register in time to vote or could not attend more than a day or two.

Serving as Vice Chairman of the convention was our own George Horiates. He did a fantastic job, which included running most of the convention. Many committees reported on the convention floor on some of the fine work that they did. This includes the national project to build the Hellenic Cultural museum in Chicago, Journey to Greece,

AHEPA Academy, AHEPA housing, Cooley's Anemia and more. Frank Manios, Chairman of the Bd of Trustees reported that AHEPA's finances were the best that they have been in years. District 5 was honored with the Publication of the Year award for the best news magazine.

The convention was well attended by the youth. Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena delegate strength was higher than other years. Some of this had to do with the Miami location. The Sons reported a tripling of their membership due to the membership changes made last year. The NJ Sons delegation was about 7 and there was at least several Maids delegates that I saw. There was an AHEPA softball (Wyckoff) team and basketball team (Middlesex) representing the 5th district at the convention tournaments.

**Banquet** The banquet had about 600 in attendance. Basile, the comedian was the MC. He did his best to keep us entertained. There were many presentations made. You can best read about it in the AHEPA Headquarters press release http://ahepa.org/dotnetnuke/News/NewsReleases.aspx



**Elections** The elections were almost politics free, thanks to an agreement between the two political parties made last year to not compete in any of the top spots. Most of the top spots were held by AHEPA First candidates. The New Horizons nominated Andy Zachariades (Hudson #108) for Supreme Treasurer, who ran uncontested. The only contests were for Supreme Counselor where our own PDG George Horiates was nominated but did not win and for the Board of Trustees where 3 candidates ran for 2 spots. Our own Lee Millas (Trenton) was able to win one of those 2 spots, which was for a a 3-year term. Representing Region 3 (NY, NJ, DE) will be Jim Kokotas of Brooklyn.

For the Daughters of Penelope, our own Demi Thomas (Wyckoff) was elected as Grand Treasurer. This is her second year on the Grand Lodge.

There were no major legislative changes passed, the most controversial change did not make it to the ballot. This dealt with allowing the most immediate Past Supreme President of the US and Canada a spot on the



# Miami Beach





Board of Trustees. Most of the legislative changes dealt with redistricting of chapters in sparse areas of the country.

**Congratulations** Congratulations should go to outgoing Supreme President Nick Karacostas and his Lodge for representing the AHEPA Family so well over the last two years. Some of his accomplishments include involving the AHEPA family in disaster relief, both in the US (tornado) and abroad (earthquake), the first ever outreach for relations with Israel, rebuilding the Hellenic caucus, chartering a new chapter in Istambul Turkey and more.

**See You Next Year** The 2012 Supreme convention will be held Sunday July 22-Friday July 27 at the Monte Carlo Hotel & Casino Resort in Las Vegas, NV. Reservations are now being accepted.

Submitted by Ted Vittas



# Camden AHEPA Family Welcomes District #5 at the 80th Convention



une 3 – 5 Maple Shade, NJ - The Fifth District celebrated their 80th district convention delegates throughout NI & DE gathered in Maple Shade, NJ for a fun filled and spirited weekend that included a golf outing, banquet, dancing and fellowship.

The delegates elected the new District Lodge Officers, who were sworn into their new positions by dignitaries of the National Supreme Lodge. The newly elected District Governor, Savas Tsivicos of Asbury Park, NJ, marked his unanimous election to office by addressing the convention delegates. "AHEPA's mission in support of Hellenism, Civic Affairs, Education, and the Greek American Community are vital to the continued progress of our community in the United States and to Hellenes worldwide. We have completed important milestones this past year, with an increase in membership, the induction of over half the NJ Congressional delegation to AHEPA, the launch of the AHEPA Business Network, and important cultural events throughout the District. I look forward to continued advancement of our objectives in the coming year."

Also elected to the District #5 Lodge, along with Savas, is William Harrison of Hudson #108 as Lt Governor, Sammy Thomas of Ramapo #453 as Secretary, Stanley Gerondelis of Monroe #75 as Treasurer, Asteris Fanikos of Trenton #72 as Marshall, Demetri Rozanitis of Camden #69 as Warden and Nicholas Mariolis of Eureka #52 as Athletic Director.

The convention marked the end of the successful term of George Horiates as Distirct Governor. Under George's leadership, the district realized an increase in overall membership as several mass initiations took place throughout the year. A new district web site was launched http://www.ahepadistrict5.org . At the Hermes Expo, the

district launched their Hellenic Business Network initiative. There was also a renewed fund raising effort for the Greek parades of both Philadelphia and New York City. Organized were several combined events with neighboring districts in New York and Pennsylvania, providing district wide cultural entertainment. The Lodge continued to cooperate with the Metropolitan Evangelos of NJ, who honored us with his presence at the convention. George and the Lodge, along with the Past District Governors, worked for the revitalization of Wildwood Weekend, where one of two workshops were held. These are just some of the highlights of what was a progressive year for the Fighting Fifth.

The banquet of the convention was hosted capably by renowned comedian, Basile. The highlights of the evening are always the awards named by the District Governor. This year there were two co-chapters named Chapter of the Year; Thomas Edison Chapter of Asbury Park and Wilmingtn #95. Ahapan of the Year was awarded to Elias Horiates of Camden #69. President of the Year was James Giokas of Ramapo #453. Secretary of the Year was Peter Frangakis of Vineland. An award was also given to Haralambe Tsivicos who served for three years on the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Pericles. Keynote remarks were offered by Metropolitan Evangelos of NJ and Supreme Vice President John Grossomanides.





## Daughters of Penelope Grand Treasurer

# **DEMI THOMAS**



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor and pleasure to have been elected at the recent national convention in Miami, Florida as the Grand Treasurer of the Daughters of Penelope. The convention was a wonderful event, and our business meetings were productive and wide ranging. Our organization is a vital element of our community, and it was heartening to see the collaboration among the delegates at the convention that came from all corners of the United States and Canada. Of course, the friendships that are renewed and that are begun at the convention and other gatherings of our organization are a

wonderful, personal benefit.

For the past two years, I worked as the Grand Advisors to the Maids of Athena, our organization focused on the young woman of our community. That organization recently observed the 80th anniversary of its founding in Tacoma, Washington. The Maids of Athena makes a vital contribution to our organization, providing a framework to teach young woman leadership skills while offering them an opportunity to support our community through their special projects. The future of the Daughters of Penelope is strengthened with a strong and vital

Maids of Athena.

The Daughters of Penelope will focus its energy and programs on key projects, such as the Penelope House, Penelope Place, Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Sylvester Cancer Center, Cystic Fibrosis, and the Penelopean Day Care Facility which are the pillars of our community. I look forward to sharing with you our progress throughout the year as these programs unfold.

Yours in Theta Pi, Demi Thomas

#### **ALTES CHAPTER #163**

The Daughters of Penelope (DOP) - Altes #163 is looking forward to another active and productive year. We have planned a joint installation of newly elected officers with our Brother AHEPANS - TRENTON Chapter #72 in September at our beautiful AHEPA hall. We are happy to announce we will be installing the following officers: PRESIDENT - Dina Fanikos, VICE PRESIDENT - Christina Harvey, RECORDING SECRETARY - Callie Muzithras, CORRESPONDING SECRETARTY - Jane Allen and TREASURER - Donna Petinos. This will be a night of fellowship and fun- a wonderful way to start the new year.

Our annual gift auction is our main fundraiser. We are very busy in the planning stages now and are hoping it is as successful as always. Many thanks go out to our Chairperson-Marguerite Arabatzis and her hard working committee for continuing to make this event work. We are looking forward to donating our proceeds to many local, district, national and international charities.

The Gift Auction will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the Community Center of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1200 Klockner Road, Hamilton, NJ.



Pictured with some of the items to be auctioned at the upcoming Annual DOP Gift Auction are from left to right committee members: Co-Chairman - Donna Petinos, Chairman - Marguerite Arabatzis, Mary Rodda, Hope Demitry, President - Dina Fanikos, and Jane Allen. Committee members missing from photo include: Marcella Calagias, Karen Knicos, Callie Muzithras, and Jill Belviso. Picture courtesy of Joyce Allen

Doors open 7:00 PM; drawings begin at 8:15 PM sharp. A \$10.00 donation includes one sheet of 25 tickets, door prize ticket, coffee, tea and homemade Greek pastries! Hot dogs, chips, soft pretzels soda and water will be on sale. Some of the gifts to be offered this year include: A Flat Screen TV, XBOX 360 with Kinect Adventures, Nintendo 3DS, Kindle, iPOD NANO, remote car start, many gift certificates, theme baskets, plus over 100 additional gifts of interest for everyone. Proceeds will benefit many Special Charities of the Daughters of Penelope. Reservations are required by October 1, 2011. No tickets will be sold at the door. ADULTS ONLY (18 and over). Tables of 10 may be reserved. Call (609) 587-7119 for tickets. As always, thank you for your generous support.

We wish everyone a healthy and fruitful year.

#### A Greeting from Ocean County #467's New President, Peter Pettemerides

The AHEPA family chapter #467 would like to thank our past president Mr. Lou Karagias, for his 6 yrs of dedication to our chapter. Since his first day the only thing he wanted was to make our chapter bigger and stronger and he accomplished that very successfully!

With the help of all the brother Ahepans, Daughters of Penelope and the numerous hours donated by the entire parish, we all succeeded in finishing our beloved church and looking ahead to our gym.

Personally I would like to thank our entire chapter for putting their trust at me and elected me as the new president. I also would like to thank our new board:

Mr. Andreas Kaiafas, VP Mr. Tony Verikios. Treasurer Mr. Lou Lares, Secretary

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Sotiris Sergiou after his many years as our Secretary.

I know I am the luckiest president because our chapter has members that thrive for success and philanthropy to the needy. I don't think any other chapters besides their regular members has 6 Archons .That it says a lot and I thank each one for guiding us, the younger generation to continue your dream. It is a blessing to have these extraordinary people as a part of our chapter!

With all the parishioners help I am sure we will continue our mission and provide what is needed to have a beautiful church and a strong loving parish. This coming year I look forward to join our parade in PA, something we missed for many years and I call all, that need to help, or join us, to contact me.

The entire chapter would like to congratulate the new DG Mr. Savas Tsivikos and we wish him and his new board members, a very successful year.

Finally, I would like to invite all of you to join us on our upcoming annual festival on our church's grounds on September 23rd, 24th and 25th. Come down and see our new church and our new and beautiful gym and celebrate with us! OPA

Truly yours, Peter Pettemerides, Chapter 467 President

# A Year of Growth and Renewal for Thomas Jefferson Chapter #280

The Thomas Jefferson chapter of Westfield, New Jersey has experienced a resurgence of growth and interest in the AHEPA mission. So far this year, our chapter has added a dozen new members, provided sponsorship and support to vital church programs at Holy Trinity in Westfield, and worked to perpetuate the mission of education so important to AHEPA.

Thomas Jefferson Chapter 280 has re-elected it entire 2010-2011 slate of officers to carry the work started forward last year. The officers are as follows: President-Stathi Afendoulis, Vice President-Evangelo Grafas, Secretary-Evan Johns. This slate of officers is committed to moving forward with the path engineered last year and develop programs which place AHEPA in the forefront of the local Greek-American community.

On Saturday, June 18th, our chapter sponsored its first Career Seminar for high school juniors and seniors, and college age students and graduates. The seminar was organized by brothers Angelos Gaglias, James Gianakis and Peter Tarhanidis, and held in conjunction with the Religious Education Department at Holy Trinity Westfield.

The panel consisted of a keynote speaker, Maggie Stavrianidis, Human Resources Director at Johnson & Johnson, Stephanie Gianakis, and Brothers Charles Anastasiou and James Gianakis. Brother Peter Tarhanidis acted as panel moderator. The panel spoke on various topics regarding planning and preparing for a career. Ms Stavrianidis spoke about the interview process and the elements that make for a successful interview; Mr. Anastasiou spoke on the importance and strategy of networking for success; Stephanie Gianakis addressed the ideas of using a particular skill set to achieve a diversity of job opportunities; and James Gianakis spoke of the importance of a faith based work ethic in any career. The panel was well attended and received positive reviews for all the participants. This was the first seminar in a series planned by the Thomas Jefferson Chapter. Future seminars will focus more on specific aspects of career planning, such as job searching and resume writing; a seminar is also being planned to offer advice on financial planning for college.

#### Hudson Chapter #108 Happenings

As we begin the new season for Our Chapter Hudson Chapter #108, we must congratulate two of our brothers. Closer to home, Brother Bill Harrison on his elevation to Lieutenant Governor of the John G. Thevos Fifth District. Brother Bill has served his chapter for many years as Secretary and was named outstanding Chapter Secretary at one of our District Conventions and received an award. He went on to serve as Chapter President and moved on to the District Lodge where he has served in every position leading to his elevation as District Lt. Governor. Congratulations Brother Bill and keep up the good work. On the National scale Brother Andrew Zachariades was elected at the Miami Convention to serve as Supreme Treasurer on the Supreme Lodge. Congratulations Brother Andrew.

On Thursday, September 8, 2011, our Chapter had installation of Officers for the 2011-2012 term. Our new Chapter Officers are as follows: John A. Mehos, President; Zenon Christodoulou, Vice President; Christos M. Genes Secretary; Bill Matsikoudis, Treasurer.

Our aim for the coming year is to initiate new members and increase our chapter membership. We welcome the new officers of our chapter, Brother Zenon Christodoulou and Brother Bill Matsikoudis, who along with their busy schedules, have offered to serve their chapter.

This past term under the presidency of Christos M. Genes, our chapter awarded two scholarship bonds to the graduates of Evangelismos Greek School. Recipients were Katerina Kostadimos and Anthony Elia. Congratulations to the graduates and we hope they will continue with their Greek studies. Submitted by John Mehos, PSG

#### **AHEPA Trenton Chapter #72 Report**

With the officers and with all the brothers we will endeavor to have another great year. Throughout the year, we have many scheduled events and projects that everyone should enjoy. Most recently, Chapter Elections were held and the new officers are as follows:

- President Evan Pilaras
- First Vice President Paul Mamolou
- Second Vice President George Koutsouradis
- Secretary Jim Knicos
- Assistant Secretary George Demetriades
- Treasurer Dino Demetriou
- Assistant Treasurer Michael Knicos

Congratulations to all the officers and best of luck. Many of the Trenton brothers also attended the District Convention in Cherry Hill. The golf outing on Friday and both the business and social components of the convention were wonderful. Congratulations to all the Cherry Hill brothers with special thanks to Brother Jimmy Rozanitis for chairing such a wonderful event. Best of luck to the new District Lodge.

The AHEPA National Convention was held in Miami and many brothers came from New Jersey and a good time held by all. Brother Lee Millas was elected to the National Board as Andy Zaccharides was elected Supreme Treasurer. Next year's national convention will be held in Las Vegas in July and promises to be another wonderful event.

On June 22nd, the Trenton Chapter had its Annual Graduation & Scholarship program. Dr. Zenon Christodolou and fellow Ahepan was the keynote speaker and inspired the students and those in attendance. In addition, Senator Linda Greenstein and Assemblymen Benson and Wayne DeAngelo were in attendance and presented their remarks to the community. Trenton Chapter 72 has distributed more than \$88,000 in scholarships to students over the past nine years. Scholarship recipients were Anastasia Perris, Christopher Bliziotis, Elias Nyktas, Alexander Dettore, Christos Papadopoulos, Marissa Pie', and Cathryn Andreanidis. All the students and their families should be

Thanks also to the Angelakis family for the excellent refreshments that followed. Thanks to the Perris, Blazakis and Spireas families for their donations and support. In addition, the Chapter has sponsored an annual golf outing for the past nine years in which Roma Bank has been the primary sponsor. This year's golf outing will take place October 11th at Mountain View Golf Course in Ewing. For information, call (609) 396-4255 or (609) 462-5634. Please spread the word to your friends to reserve the date and to support the event. Hope to see many golfers and that the event is a success.

We also had a fishing excursion on August 2nd. We were in search for fluke and everyone was looking forward to a good time and hopefully some fresh fish for dinner. Over 20 brothers and friends enjoyed a great day on the "Tropical Adventure" out of Belmar and brought back many keepers led by Andy Pantelides who captured the biggest fish. We are also looking forward to the August 20th State Fishing trip out of Point Pleasant looking for blue fish. Wish us luck.

We have also had enjoyable times at the Trenton Thunder games as well as looking forward to the Yankee game in August. During the course of the year, we intend on having many more dinner meetings as well as Monday night football events as well as other events. Happy August Birthdays to George Demetriades, Asteris Fanikos, Peter Kakoyiannis, George Mastoris, Elias Nyktas, Stef Nyktas, & Gus Triandafillou.

## Ramapo Chapter #453 Review

**GREEK LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ADULTS:** The AHEPA Modern Greek Language Program for Adults is completing its fifth year of classes with its fall 2011 Semester. Beginning October 7th, 2011, AHEPA Ramapo Chapter Past President Jim Giokas is organizing an Intermediate Greek II Class that will be offered with another Beginner's Greek I Class. The program is open to anyone in the community and AHEPA family that is interested in participating. For more details and registration, please contact Jim Giokas at mbrooklyn48@gmail.com or at 201-664-7002.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Past President Jim Giokas for being selected as the President of the Year at this year's District Convention. Jim has served the chapter as its President for the past 3 years. He has instituted the Greek language classes and has worked to file an application for an AHEPA charter school in Bergen County. Under his leadership the chapter has began the custom of raising the Greek flag on Greek Independence Day at the Hackensack administration building. He also helped raised thousands of dollars for various works at St Nicholas and the community at large.



Ramapo Brothers with the President of the Year, Jim Giokas at the District Convention. Left to Right – President Elect Chuck Humblias, Sammy Thomas, President of the Year, Jim Giokas, Phil Vogis, PDG.

## Monroe Chapter #75 Celebrated March 25 Greek Independence Day

For many years Monroe Chapter has celebrated March 25th with a Doxology and a ceremony raising the flags. This year was no exception. The AHEPA family of Piscataway, NJ with the Greek School children of St George Church dressed up as Evzones and congregated into the church.

The Sons of Pericles marched in with the Greek and American flags where the Doxology took place.

After the Doxology the entire congregation walked outside the church and we all sang the national anthems and raised the flags. A wreath was placed at the base of the flags and a bugle player played taps. After that everyone was invited in to the AHEPA Hall for a Lenten luncheon.

Submitted by: Stanley Gcrondelis

#### Monroe #75 Awards \$7,000 In Scholarships

Monroe Chapter #75 held its 44th Graduates Reception on June 6th, 2011, for the graduating seniors of our Community. This was a very good year with many young people and their families attending the festivities. As in the past, it was held in collaboration with the Daughters op Penelope and the GOYA of St George in Piscataway.

The highlights of the event were the honoring of the graduates by listing their achievements and presenting them with a recognition plaque and then the granting of the Scholarships.



The Scholarship program was started seven years with a generous donation from brother John Pilitsis, in honor of our late Brother Milton Marikakis. Brother Milton's lifelong commitment, passion and contributions to the advancement of the education of young Greek Americans is known to all. The program has since "blossomed"

into one that usually hands out four scholarships. This year, however, due to the exceptional quality of academic achievement and community participation from our graduating seniors, the chapter decided to give out seven scholarships, totaling \$7.000 to eight recipients.

The Milton Marikakis Scholarship (\$2.500) was shared by Lisa M. George and Eleftheria Tsatsos. The Georgia Katsifis Scholarship (\$1.000) sponsored by Brother Chris Katsifis was granted to Katerina Christodoilidis. The newly established John Mellos Scholarship (\$1.000) sponsored by Brother John Mellos was granted to Evangelia Stavrakis. The Steven G.Achaves Scholarship, in memory of our Brother Stephen, was granted to Alyssa Chistdoulou. In addition, three additional AHEPA Monroe Chapter #75 Scholarships, in the amount \$500 each, were granted to John Kantlierakis, Karkos J. Kanntlierakis and Nicole Hadjiloukas.

The celebration of our young People's accomplishments in a spirit of fellowship, made for a very pleasant affair. Submitted by: Stanley Gerondelis

#### AHEPAJobs.com Website Is There To Help You Progress In Your Career

AHEPA Headquarters is proud to announce that the AHEPA Jobs Board, www.ahepajobs.com is fully functional and almost ready to launch. There's only one thing missing... job listings and resumes from you!



If your company has a career offering, or if you are aware of one, please go to the site and post it. The process is easy.

#### TO POST A JOB OPPORTUNITY

- 1. Go to: www.ahepajobs.com
- 2. Under the "EMPLOYERS" menu tab, select "List a Job" and fill out the provided form.

Instantly you'll see basic information about your listing on the homepage. Note, only visitors who are logged in as current members are able to view the entire job listing, allowing them to submit their resume and cover letter to you as the job poster.

#### TO POST YOUR RESUME

- 1. Go to: www.ahepajobs.com
- 2. Register and login as a member of AHEPA. (requires your listed last name and membership ID for verification
- 3. Select the "Post a Resume" option under the "JOB SEEKERS" menu tab. The form allows you to indicate your contact information, career category and upload an electronic version of your resume.

With your help, we'll quickly have enough job listings to entice job seekers and resumes posted to become a resource for companies. Individuals will have instant access to apply for their dream job or for organizations to select the perfect candidate to help bring them to the next level of success.

## District 5 Unveils Redesigned Websites for the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope

Nothing changes faster today than technology. Staying current with up to date information is a never ending job. Today web sites should integrate with social media sites like Facebook and LinkedIn, Picasa and YouTube. For many years the 5th district has been operating with a site with 20th century tools

Thanks to the help of a few good men and women, the district has unveiled two new web sites for their members to enjoy. AHEPA District 5 now has a redesigned site using state of the art content management tools and its own address http://ahepadistrict5.org.

The site was redesigned by Ahepans Constantine Mikelis and Stephen Ferranti of the Bergen Knights, under the direction of District Secretary Sammy Thomas and PDG Ted Vittas. Brother Mikelis is a professional web designer and is webmaster of his own web site <a href="http://www.ihavenet.com">http://www.ihavenet.com</a>.

The new web site is based on WordPress a modern content management system. It enables anyone with proper security rights to post information on the site. Now many people can keep it



current instead of just one or two people. It features an integrated Google calendar so you can see what is going on around the district. The web site can link to other web sites like AHEPA Headquarters site www.ahepa.org and bring in content. Other AHEPA project micro sites are available for viewing as well as prior issues of the AHEPA Voice.

Each chapter will be given an id to post their own news. For a chapter who wishes to put up their own site, the resources are available. The Daughters of Penelope website is <a href="http://5thdistrictdaughtersofpenelope.com">http://5thdistrictdaughtersofpenelope.com</a>.

It is redesigned by the District Lodge's Karen Marousis and Dina Fanikos. Upcoming events are prominently displayed on the home page. I Contact page for the District Lodge is easy to use so you can communicate with the Lodge. Honoring Past District Governors is a page of those who served the district since 1948. Each DOP chapter has its own page with current officers of all the local chapters. You can also shop at the CafePress Shop.

Don't miss the latest news of the Fifth District. Visit these websites today and bookmark the address so it is readily available.

AHEPA Marrow Donor Registry 
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AHEPA Chapters #300 and #375 Continue Efforts for the AHEPA Marrow Donor Registry

Many of you may remember that the AHEPA Marrow Donor Registry was established in 1987 at Ss: Constantine .& Helen when the son of one of our parishioners Ted Gallas (former President of Ss. C&H) was stricken with leukemia.

We conducted donor drives all over the country and tested nearly 5,000 people, regrettably Peter Gallas, MD, did not find a match. From 1987 to 2006 the Registry was chaired by Angelo Pantazes, and assisted by Chris Moustakis, Charles Koutsaftes, and Ted Peepas. The Registry continued doing drives throughout the country. We want to thank Paul and Chris Koutouzakis, and their cousin Sam Koutouzakis, who traveled to other areas for us to conduct drives.

We tested a total of 15,000 persons at a cost of \$50 per test. These funds were collected primarily through our canister program where canisters were placed in area diners.

In 2006 the Registry was taken over by a group from Chicago under the new Chairman, Dr John Venetos.

The Canister program continues, and this month, Ahepa Eagle Rock #375 sent \$1,748.42, collected from the canisters to the Registry. AHEPA Morris County Chapter #300 sent the Registry \$1,887.28.

We urge prospective donors, ages 18 – 60 that have never been tested, to please get onto the AHEPA Marrow website (ahepamarrow.org) and register online. You will be able to complete the consent form online. After Dr. Venetos reviews it and finds that you can be a donor you will be sent a kit that involves a simple swab of the cheeks. You then return the swab and you will be placed on our database as a potential marrow/stem cell donor. There is no cost to you. That is the purpose of the canister funding.

Please note that there is a 20,000 to 1chance for a successful "allogeneic" match. The odds increase dramatically with somebody from your own ethnic group.

Encourage your children and grandchildren to register.

Submitted by: Ange Pantages, Chapter #375

# **AHEPA**Youth

# Reflections by Yianni of His Summer Excursion To Greece and Cyprus

had the opportunity this past summer to visit Washington D.C, Cyprus, and Greece, through the American Hellenic Institute's Summer Foreign Policy Program. AHI is the only lobbying group that works on behalf of Hellenic-American interests. AHI provided me with the ability to meet many individuals within the Hellenic Republic and The Republic of Cyprus as well as private , sector actors. When I was at the Ambassador's Residence in Athens, one thing was clear and never-changing, the relationship between the United States of America and Greece. It was shown and expressed that these two nations share a friendship that few nations have- one of historic allies. For example when someone from Greece's military calls their equivalent in the USA they have eye-to-eye level talks, something rare for countries like Greece. But this relationship is not without its problems and misunderstandings. Elements within the White House to this day, along with lobbying elements particularly from the Military-Industrial Complex have interests outside of our famed diplomatic and democratic ties. One in particular is the lifting of the Turkish arms embargo from the Carter Administration in return for the settling of The Ghost City of Famagusta to the Greek-Cypriots which never happened for example. Another is the lack of observation of international laws regarding religious freedom, and cultural landmarks that the U.S is a signed dignitary of. A more recent example is the unfortunate naming of FYROM to Macedonia under the Bush Administration. When I talk on or off the record regarding the "Cyprus Issue" all I ask as an American citizen of my government is for it to follow its own law.



As Greek-Americans and as Ahepans we need not forget our brothers and sisters in Cyprus. I have witness desecrated graveyards, broken tombstones, unearthed bones and remains; destroyed churches painted with bird and animal excrement, another church as a gambling sports café, and another as a mosque. I have passed by the homes of fellow Cypriots now inhabited by Anatolian Turks who were brought as settlers to the North, and other homes sold to foreign nationals; I have witnessed propaganda statues of the invasion, innumerous Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

mosque. I have passed by the homes of fellow Cypriots now inhabited by Anatolian Turks who were brought as settlers to the North, and other homes sold to foreign nationals; I have witnessed propaganda statues of the invasion, innumerous Mustafa Kemal Atatürk statues and busts and over a dozen army camps... I have had AMERICAN M-16'S POINTED AT ME, and had the "pleasure" to see a countless casinos, drug houses and bordellos in the "Muslim North". As with Cyprus, we Greek-Americans and Ahepans need not forget our brothers and sisters in Greece during their time of crisis.

I was in Greece when the Government almost collapsed. One day I was in the Parliament building and the next day in the streets in civil protest in Athens, there I interviewed and spoke with the locals over the austerity measures. The fabled story of tear gas burning the skin, the eyes and capturing the breath right out of you is true Brothers and I lived it. Almost 100 percent of the people protesting where not anarchists as portrayed by foreign media and the police did their fair share... in inciting problems. What a sad day it was to see Greeks in a proxy war against one another, when the real adversaries who brought Greece to such a mess lay protected. Greece, my friends, is suffering from a troubled, parasitic and anemic governing state. For this reason alone we must stay ever more united on the home-front here in the States. I call on all to support our youth in establishing Fraternities on college campuses, funding our efforts to bring a better tomorrow to the troubles we face at home, Greece and in Cyprus. Let us never be divided of petty turmoil, and forever seek justice against those who do harm. The sacred values of Hellenism run deep between us- now is the time to remind those who have forgotten, whatever age they are or whatever country they live in.

Fraternally Yours, District #5 Governor, Ioannis "Yianni" Konstandinos Floropoulos Yianni can be reached by email at floropoulos.yiannis@gmail.com Hello Brothers and Sisters, I am Diane Simeon, Grand Treasurer and liaison to District 5 for the Maids of Athena; the junior auxiliary to the Daughters of Penelope and a part of the AHEPA Family.



Each year at National Convention, our delegation elects a specific cause or organization to focus our fundraising efforts towards. Last year our National Project was St. Basil's Academy and this year we elected to have a joint National Project with the Sons of Pericles. We have chosen The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF). The JDRF is the worldwide leader in funding research to cure type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime. JDRF is the leading funder and advocate of type 1 diabetes science. Not only does the Maids elect a National Project but the Grand President chooses a specific project that is close to her heart. This year Grand President Marianthe Kolokithas has selected Penelope House as her President's Project. The mission of Penelope House is to provide safety, protection, and support to the victims of Domestic Violence and their children. The Maids have previously raised over \$10,000 for their specific projects and we hope to match that amount this year, not only for Juvenile Diabetes but also for Penelope House.

District 5 currently has maids in Paramus, Asbury Park, New Brunswick, and Wyckoff, New Jersey. My goal this year is to work with all these Maids and try to get a chapter reactivated in at least one of these cities. I feel quite close to District 5 because both of my parents grew up in Jersey City and met at a Jersey City Sons and Maids dance. Nothing would make me happier than to see this District grow to its full potential.

The Maids of Athena offer opportunities for any Christian women between the ages of 14 and 28. If you know of anyone interested please let me know!

Love in Pi Alpha,
Diane Simeon
Maids of Athena Grand Treasurer
Districts 2, 5, 7, 10, 11, and 13 Liaison

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# **AHEPA**Youth



# District #5 Sons Elect A New Lodge At Their Convention

n Sunday afternoon, July 10th the Sons of Pericles of the Fifth District held a special convention meeting to hold elections for the 2011-2012 year. The meeting was held at St George Church in Piscataway. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, no Sons chapters were able to attend the District Convention in Maple Shade.

The Kanaris Chapter #177 of New Brunswiick did an outstanding job of hosting the meeting in the Memorial Room. After a plentiful brunch, President Harry Triantafilides opened the meeting. After conducting some local business, the Wyckoff Sons joined the District Governor Yianni Floropoulos of the Randolph chapter to form a quorum for elections (3 chapters).

Elected to the Distict Lodge for 2011-2012 were:

- Yianni Floropoulos, *District*
- Nick Kominos, Lt. Governor,
- Jim Maroules, District Secretary
- Arthur Kominos, District Treasurer
- Chris Chrystodoulou, *District* Marshal
- George Banis, District Warden
- Nick Apostolou and John Vittas, co-Athletic Directors

The new officers were immediately installed by members of the AHEPA District Lodge, Ted Vittas, Sons Advisor, Stanley Gerondelis, District Treasurer and was witnessed by several other Ahepans from New Brunswick.

District Governor Floropoulos and the Lodge has already begun planning the year ahead. In addition to attending the Miami Convention, the Lodge has set goals of increasing membership, chartering an academic chapter on a college campus, raise money, along with the Maids of Athena, for their national project, Juvenile Diabetes and do more local charitable work.

To start the Sons of Pericles in your community contact Yianni at floropoulos.yiannis@gmail.com. For more information about the Sons of Pericles go to their web site at www. sonsofpericles.com



# AHEPA thletics

Wyckoff and Middlesex Teams Travel to Miami to Play in

AHEPA Athletics Tourneys

eam Patritha of Wyckoff, NJ traveled to Miami Beach to take part in AHEPA Supreme Softball Tournament. The team showed off their new jerseys as they took the field on the North Beach Park field. The team was composed of Sons of Pericles and Ahepans of the Ramapo Chapter #453. Patritha played 3 games. On Friday evening, they played against Houston AHEPA. The team started slowly after a couple of miscues but played much better after the first inning. They just got the game complete as a violent thunderstorm hit Miami. Saturday morning brought the second round. Patritha opened up against Chicago, IL and then Atlanta, GA. This time the weather was dry but with temps in the mid 90's as you would expect for Miami in July. Wyckoff's bats became as hot as the weather but so were the opponents as Patritha lost in a

The team was composed of: Nick Apostolou, John Vittas, Nick Kominos, Arthur Kominos, Dimitri Nannas, Chris Chrystodoulou, Chris Apostolou, Dean Tselepis, Vasili Veloudos and Ted Vittas.

After the tournament, AHEPA Softball Chairman Alec Alexander informed two of the players, Nick Kominos and Chris Apostolou, that they have been chosen as All Stars for their play in the tournament. Alec presented two handsome plaques to each of the young men.

On the hardwood, Middlesex, NJ traveled to Miami to compete in the National AHEPA Invitaional Basketball Tournament. Middlesex, a perennial local champion now competed as part of a talented field of 8 teams from all over the US.

Friday evening featured the second round games in each bracket. The key matchup of the evening was Middlesex NJ vs. Marrow Chicago. This was a great game that went right down to the wire. With just under a minute remaining, Marrow held on to a razor thin lead before finally pulling away for a victory 72 – 63. Marrow was led by Peter Trgovich with 29 points. High scorer for Middlesex was Brett Scaramazzo with 22 points.

Middlesex won the Sons of Pericles East Coast Regional Basketball Tournament in New Rochelle, NY and represented the East Coast Region in Miami. Led by team manager Jim Palavros, the team is a perennial powerhouse on the hardwood.

On Saturday AHEPA National took on Middlesex NJ in the other matchup and was able to hold off a



Softball team Patritha of Wyckoff.



Brother Costa Papademitriou coach and the Middlesex Sons basketball team.

very feisty NJ team 66 – 64 after a desperation three pointer at the buzzer from half court just fell short. Middlesex was led by Jeff Leider with 18 points while AHEPA was led by Greg Taylor who just returned from playing in Greece with 22 points and Princeton star, Dan Mavraides with 16 points. Afterward, the best players were chosen for the All Tournament Team and it included Jeff Leider and Erik Leider from Middlesex.

On Saturday, in an exhibition game, a Maids of Athena team from Washington DC successfully competed vs. the Wyckoff NJ Sons softball team. Diane Simeon from the Maids has agreed to assist next year in bringing several ladies teams to the convention tournament.

All teams enjoyed a great weekend and expressed their appreciation to the AHEPA Athletics committee for their hard work in making these events possible. Each team is now looking forward to Las Vegas in 2012!

Submitted by Ted Vittas and Costa Papademetriou



Elias Nyktas of Hamilton, NJ, a first-time fisherman, proudly shows off his first fish caught.



AHEPA family anglers posing for a group shot as the Sea Devil makes its way to dock.

# District #5 Athletic Director Report

t is with much joy to announce that the annual District No 5 fishing excursion was a success. Over 20 brave Ahepans and friends of the AHEPA family ventured from Point Pleasant, NJ on a beautiful sunny day on Saturday, August 20th in search of "Megala Psaria" bluefish. The blues were not biting but some of us were successful in catching some nice size fluke and sea bass. Those that did not, still had a good time as the weather was gorgeous and the waters calm. Those who did not bring home fish to cook still brought home their fish stories of the ones (smart ones) that got away.

I am also glad to report that Chapters local athletic programs have been coming along as certain chapters have their own local fishing trips (Trenton), days at the races, and other activities. We are also looking forward to the various Chapters' golf outings such as Trenton's Chapter 10th Annual Golf event that benefits their scholarship program, the Garden State Chapter's golf outing,; or the Thomas Edison Chapters' Asbury Park, NJ events that benefits the AHEPA charities and all the others. Details will also follow as we are in the planning stage of the AHEPA Bowling Tournament.

Submitted by Nicholas C. Mariolis



## Outing to the NYC Greek Film Festival - Oct 30

The 5th annual 2011 New York City Greek Film Festival (NYCGFF) is scheduled from October 16th through November 6th. Films will be shown in Astoria and in NYC. All films have English subtitles.

The complete 2011 NYCGFF film program can be found at: www.nycgreekfilmfestival.com

We have scheduled an AHEPA / DOP day at the Greek Film Festival on: Sunday, October 30th at the SVA Theater, 333 West 23rd street, NYC at 3:00pm.

The movie is "Nobody" a romantic drama directed by Christos Nikoleris. After the movie, we will go for dinner at a Greek Taverna (to be announced) in the neighborhood and critique the film.

Please RSVP Sister Maria Dounchis at: maria.dounchis@gmail.com



## Ahepans In the News



#### **MANNY MANIOUDAKIS**

On June 10th, Brother Manny Manioudakis was inducted into the New Brunswick High School Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Well over 400 people attended the affair that was held at The Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. Manny has been a member of Monroe Chapter #75 for over fifty years, where he has gone up through the ranks and had served in every chair and was president for five terms. Prior to the AHEPA, Manny was a charter member of Kanaris Chapter 177 of the Sons of Pericles. Manny also served as District Governor of the Sons.

Here is a short biography on Broher Manny. He was born in New Brunswick to Nicholas and Liberty Manioudakis. Manny attended Bayard School, Roosevelt Junior High School and New Brunswick High School. Manny then went on to Rutgers University where he majored in Mechanical Engineering.

After an illustrious military career, in civilian life Manny was a pilot, flying helicopters for Atlantic Refining Company and then NY Airways. Manny left New York Airways to fly jumbo jets and joined Pan American World Airways until 1993, then worked for Atlas Air a freight cargo airline.

Manny also found time to serve his community. He held several administrative positions in Somerset county and Franklin Township. Manny is a 32nd degree member of the Free and Accepted Masons and a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, as well as a member of the American Legion, John Basilone Post 280. Brother Manny has also served as President of the St George Greek Orthodox Church Board of Trustees.

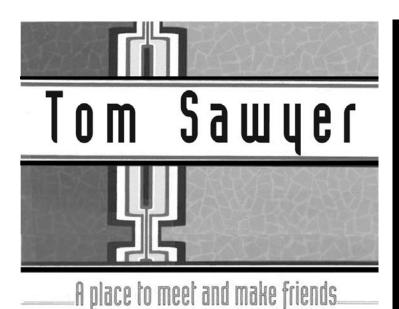
Manny lives in Franklin Township with his wife Anna. They have two sons, Nicholas and George, daughter-in-law Vaitsa, and four grandchildren.



#### **MARC DEMETRIOU**

The Scotsman Guide, the leading resource for mortgage originators, has released its Top Originators rankings in its April 2011 Residential Edition. With a personal loan volume of \$71 million, Marc C. Demetriou, Branch Manager/Mortgage Consultant of Residential Home Funding Corp., placed in the top one percent of New Jersey banks, mortgage bankers & mortgage brokers with a rank of Number 4. In a very competitive national market, his ranking was Number 118.

Upon receiving this very prestigious recognition, Demetriou said, "Once again, I am honored to be in the company of such exceptional mortgage professionals who have worked so hard to help their clients with real estate financing during such a difficult economy." Speaking from his own experience, Demetriou further stated, "The knowledge and expertise I offer is the most important consideration in our business. Giving a great rate and low fees - that's just something I always do." A remarkable closing rate of 95%, often within three or four weeks, is the result of his staff's high level of customer service and attention to detail.



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# "The First Victory..." Is a Must-Have for History Buffs

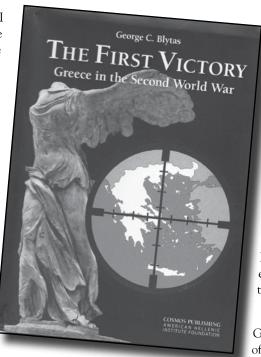
t the Miami Supreme Convention I attended the lecture by Dr George .C. Blytas, author of the book "The First Victory - Greece in the Second World War". The lecture was interesting because Dr Blytas was able to speak, in detail, about the role many of the world leaders at that time had in the events that unfolded. This included Greece's leaders General Ioannis Metaxas and King George II, Benito Mussolini, Adolph Hitler, Winston Churchill and many more. I was intrigued enough to buy the book, a work of 574 pages. I read it through the summer and could not put the book down. For someone who enjoys history, this book provides a detailed and thorough view into the events as they unfolded and the men and women that shaped them. It is an easy read, despite its size, and offers so much insight for someone who never lived through he times, such as myself. Even

if you were alive at the time the book describes the interplay among the powers and adds perspective and clarity to anyone's personal recollection.

The book begins with a brief overview of the events prior to WWII which shaped the mood in Europe at the time. He covers the Balkan Wars, then WWI. All of these had shaped each nation's psyche and brought about the rise of fascism in Europe. Greeks had gained territory in the Balkan wars and WWII s only to lose it in the 1920s. Greeks were forced out of Asia Minor and Smyrna was burned. Germany suffered from reparations of WWI which brought about a rising militarism and the emergence of Adolph Hitler. Other strongmen appeared in Europe, Benito Mussolini in Italy, Ioannis Metaxas in Greece and Francisco Franco in Spain. Blytas' book covers all of them in great detail.

I found the book's description of the events as they unfolded up to October 28th, "OXI Day", particularly riveting. Did Metaxas really say the word "OXI" or was it a creation of the Greek media? Well, the book revealed that he did not utter the Greek word "OXI" but more probably, the word "NO", because the conversation with the Italian emissary Counte Emanuele Grazzi took place at 3:30am and was in French! The word "No" was spoken by Metaxas a different context, on whether Italy's demand for passage of its troops through Greece should be interpreted as an act of war. Metaxas' response was. "No (it is an act of war)" ... "Mais alors c'est la guerre", well then this is war.

Another thing I learned from this book was that Greece seriously considered joining the Axis powers at certain points in the conflict.



First, King George II and his queen was a Germanophile. Even Metaxas who was also a fascist leader, in the beginning, felt closer to Mussolini and Hitler. He also thought that they would never attack another fascist country. However, having his own territorial aspirations, Mussolini moved against Greece without Hitler's knowledge and Greece was involved. During the conflict, Germany also made peace advances to Greece, as a delaying tactic to give Italy time. By joining the Axis, Greece could avoid the invasion that was sure to come. Contributing to joining the Axis was the fact that Britain did very little to provide aid to Greece during their battle with the Italians. In the end though, all German support eroded and Greece was forced in, on the side of the Allies.

Finally, what I came to appreciate was that Greece played a much bigger role in the turning of the war in the Allies' favor. Of course we all know how Greece's victory against Italy

delayed Hitler's troops from invading Russia because they had to be committed to aid Italy. However, this was only part of what Greece's role was. Just before the Italians attacked, the Axis powers were about to have 3 neutral nations come into their alliance, Spain, Turkey and Bulgaria. The Greek victory changed Spain's position entirely and never entered the war, Turkey was to enter the war on the Axis side but instead entered very late in the war on the Allied side. Bulgaria who was secretly planning against Greece was caught off guard by the Italian offensive and delayed entry into the war until the Germans were about to attack Greece. The Greek victory versus the Italians was "the first" allied victory and it changed the entire complexion of the war.

In closing, I would like to congratulate George C. Blytas for this well researched and comprehensive work. This book deals exclusively with Greece's involvement in WWII. It is a scholarly work but it is written in a very easy to understand style. This work should be in the library of every university, local library or in your personal collection.

This hardcover book was published in 2009 by Cosmos Publishing of River Vale, NJ. You can find out more about the book at http://www.georgeblytas.com . You can also buy it from the http://greeceinprint.com web site or http://www.amazon.com . Prices on Amazon range from \$34 to \$53.

Submitted by Ted Vittas

#### **OBITUARIES OF**

# Our Departed



May Their Memories Be Eternal in Our Hearts



Andreas Anthony Boyadjis, passed from this life at age 89, peacefully and at his home in Bedminster on August 12, 2011 surrounded by his loving wife of 60 years, Lillian (Kyprios) Boyadjis, his four children and their spouses, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his great-grandson Liam Daly.

A man coming from humble origins, he

was born on the island of Cyprus in 1922. Blessed with tremendous intellectual curiosity, an unparalleled work ethic and a driving ambition, he came to America in 1947 after serving in World War II with the Cyprus Regiment of the British Army with six dollars in his pocket and a dream for a better life. He learned the diner trade from his late brother Nicos Boyiatgis in Bayonne, NJ and found the love of his life literally across the street from their luncheonette. He and Lillian married in 1951 and moved to Morristown after purchasing the ANA Diner at the corner of Speedwell Avenue and Water Street. He loved his adopted country and proudly became a citizen in 1952. A scholar by nature, Andreas's burning desire for knowledge compelled him to begin taking classes at Drew University despite having four children and a business to run. Still not satisfied, he enrolled at Rutgers Law School, taking classes by day and working at the diner by night, receiving his degree at age 42. He established a law practice in Morristown and did tremendous good for all who came to him for over two decades, retiring in 1988 when he passed the office on to his son Anthony.

He was immensely proud of his Greek Cypriot heritage and instilled in his children a deep appreciation of its history and culture. He was a founding member of St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in 1962 and served in various offices on the Parish Council.

He was a multiple past President of AHEPA Morris County Chapter #300. He will be sorely missed, but the impact he made on his family, friends and colleagues will endure.



**Steve Karavangelas**, 75, Passed away on May 12, 2011 with his loving family by his side. Steve was born in Velvendo, Greece to George and Eleni and came to the US in 1956 with his brother Harry. Steve and his wife, Vayia, operated the Apollo Diner in Wildwood for over 40 years. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 48 years,

Vayia; his children, Ellen (Ted), Maria (Steve), George (Carol), and grandchildren, Vayia, Steven, Georgia, Kryssa, and Joanna; his sister Sophia, his brothers, Kleanthi, and Harry, relatives and friends. He is predeceased by his brother Markos.



Stella G. Kraras, 86, died August 13, 2011 in her Wyomissing residence, surrounded by her loving family.

She was the wife of Past District Governor Gust C. Kraras, to whom she was married on April 28, 1946. Born in Reading, she was a daughter of the late Athanasios and Angeliki (Kostomeris) Dialectos.

Mrs. Kraras was a life-long partner in all of the family businesses. She was co-owner of the former College Inn at 14th and Union Streets across from Albright College. She went on to co-own The Lorraine Hotel and Restaurant, White Star Motel and other motels and restaurants in Wildwood, NJ. She also played an active and long-time role at White Star Tours, the family travel company based in Reading, PA.

Mrs. Kraras was a member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Reading, PA where she was a devoted member and past officer of the St. Xenia Philoptochos Society, a member of the Daughters of Penelope Society, and an active participant in the Church's Annual Greek Food Bazaar. A part-time resident of Wildwood, she was a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, North Wildwood, NJ, where she was also a member of the St. Sotiros Philoptochos Society.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her three children and their spouses, three siblings, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren all who will miss her very much. Her family meant everything to her, and she loved nothing more than spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.



**Tom Livizos**, Age 86, of Newark DE, passed away peacefully at St. Francis Hospital on Monday July 25, 2011 surrounded by his loving family. Tom was born in Aliquippa, PA to the late Antonios and Vassiliki who emigrated from the island of Lemnos, Greece.

Tom was raised in New York City on the Lower East Side, Manhattan. He enlisted in

the Army during WWII on his 18th birthday and joined the 29th Infantry Division and fought on D-Day, June 6, 1944 on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. Wounded and captured, he was imprisoned in a French Convent in Remes, France and nursed to health by the French nuns and escaped with the aid of the French Underground. Tom was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Tom graduated with a BA in American History from the University of Delaware in 1950, and was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity upon initiation by Alpha Hi Chapter on March 2nd 1946.

He entered the real estate profession in 1951 and opened his own office in 1954. He had been in almost all phases of real estate: Residential, Commercial, Investment, Land development, Syndication, Building, Counseling Business Opportunities and Property Management. During the 1970s Tom had 5 real estate offices and over 125 sales agents, and taught the Real Estate licensing Course for several years at Wilmington College.

He was a major force and benefactor in organizing the Greek community of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church of Wilmington, to pledge and commit in building the church's community and youth center, to be enjoyed by all future generations. For several decades, he was a member of the Wilmington Chapter #95 of the Order of AHEPA, the Hellenic University Club and in recent years enjoyed being a member of the "Young in Heart" club and the bible study group of the Holly Trinity Orthodox church.

Tom will be remembered for his big smile, and even larger heart.

**Kostandino "Gus" Papafilipakis**, 62, of Lawrenceville, NJ, and Mournies Hania, Crete, passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2011, after a prolonged illness, with

his beloved family members by his side. Born in Crete, he came to the United States in 1967 after living in Union and Manalapan, NJ. He settled in Lawrence Township, where he resided for the past 30 years.

He was proud of his Greek heritage and belonged to the following organizations: Pan Cretan Association in Cherry Hill, Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Hamilton and Ahepa Trenton Chapter 72.

He never failed to strike up a conversation. He dedicated his life to work, family and friends and will be remembered for owning several local restaurants. He co-owned the Trent Diner, Lawrenceville, and was sole owner of Clayton Diner, Clayton, NJ, and Gus's Restaurant and Catering, 192 S. Broad St., Trenton.

He was predeceased by his parents, Stavros and Katerina Papafilipakis. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Joan Solinski Papafilipakis; his three children. Gus was entombed with his father and mother on the Island of Crete on July 12.





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**SUNDAY** 

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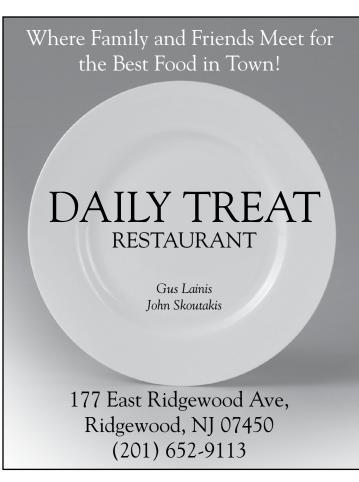
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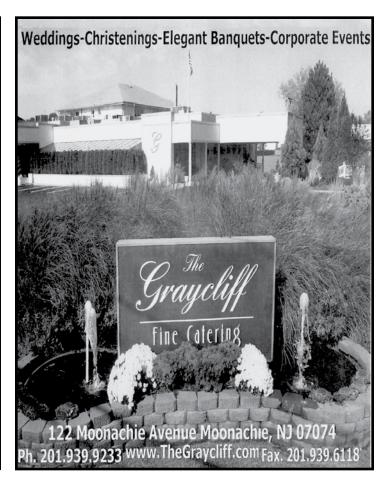
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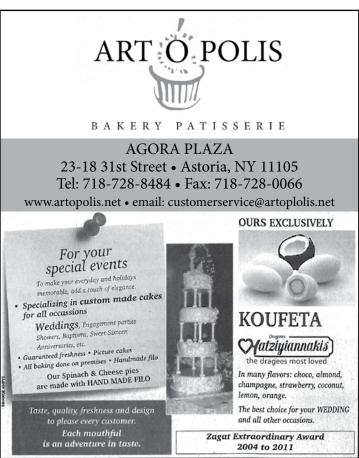
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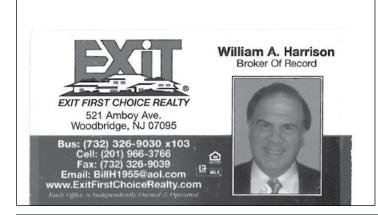
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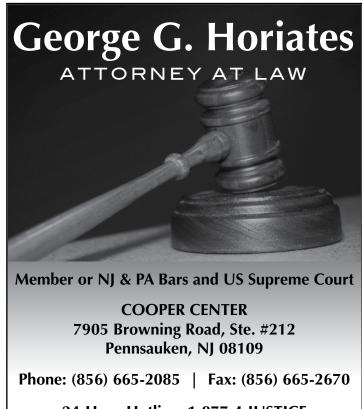
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