

District 5 Sons of Pericles partner to benefit Substance Abuse Disorders

On August 8, 2020, the Sons of Pericles partnered with AHEPA for great cause. Dr. Basil Kariyiannis, a former Chapter President and his family experienced great personal tragedy with the death of their son, Michael in 2019.



The Karayiannis family created “Waves to Wellness”, a nonprofit in memory of Michael. Waves to Wellness is dedicated to ending the devastation that substance abuse disorder causes families by raising awareness of the disease. Its goals are to provide financial grants for treatment and rehabilitation, education through prevention and breaking the stigma that prevents thorough treatment of those afflicted with substance abuse disorder.

Thus, the first Annual Waves to Wellness fishing tournament shipped off from Avalon, New Jersey. It fun and relaxing time, filled with prizes and raffles, honoring Michael’s memory and his love of fishing. The Sons of Pericles of Upper Darby and Camden Chapter raised funds and were supported by Hercules-Spartan of Philadelphia, as well as Upper Darby Thermopylae Chapter, Camden Chapter and Radnor, Pennsylvania chapters. Also, in

attendance was the Sons of Pericles 5th District Lodge led by District Governor George T. Horiates.

Dr. Karayiannis thanked the Sons of Pericles “I am so impressed they took the time to fundraise, sponsor and support this wonderful program this year. This is on the heels of the Sons of Pericles coming to my hospital this past spring for #AHEPACares and providing meals for the staff at Temple-Jeanes Hospital in Northeast Philadelphia. On behalf of my family, it is great to see the Junior Order also step up in this manner to help us fulfill our mission.



By raising awareness of this disease, we can change the conversation surrounding substance abuse disorder to create understanding and compassion, thus breaking the stigma, and removing the shame that prevents individuals from seeking thorough treatment. We strive to provide education for prevention in communities and early intervention to families in need to help eradicate this devastating disease. We work to ensure that those afflicted with this disease have access to proven treatments and long-term recovery programs. We thank the Sons of Pericles in assisting our mission so other families will not endure the tragic loss of a loved one.





February 2020

The Sons of Pericles were instrumental in assisting with the Mid Atlantic Hellenic History Tournament. Join the Sons of Pericles, it is an excellent way to meet other people and get involved in maintaining your roots!



Annual Fall Initiations

Also, we have occasional in person meetings, zoom seminars and are always looking to initiate more members. Membership has its privileges, join us.



Maids of Athena Social Distance Greek Night, August 2020





The Sons of Pericles District Five has led the nation in Ahepa Cares support, providing relief to medical personnel and first responders across the region.





Sons of Pericles at our last District Convention aboard the Battleship New Jersey



Greek Independence Day is great with the Sons and Maids – Zito Ellas!