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Date: 10/2

TO: Max Green

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FROM: REBECCA S. McMAHAN  
Associate Director  
Office of Political Affairs

Nick Strike, a family friend of mine, is the new President of AHEPA. I had lunch with him on Monday and he gave me this folder. I said I would pass it along to the appropriate person in OPL. He may be contacting you to set up a meeting. (He knows the previous →)

President got his photo with  
President Reagan, so he of  
course wants his too!) Let  
me know if you have any  
questions. (x7983)

# The Salt Lake Tribune

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## Business

### *S.L. Businessman to Head American Hellenic Group*

Special to The Tribune

NEW ORLEANS — Salt Lake City businessman Nicholas L. Strike has been elected president of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

Election was at the 65th annual convention here.

With 50,000 members in 700 chapters, AHEPA is the largest organization in North America of persons of Greek origin.

Its purposes are to preserve Hellenic culture, promote scholarships and the Greek values of love of family and religions.

Mr. Strike has long been active in the Salt Lake City business and civic community. He and brothers John and George were owners of Ajax Press from 1946 to 1972.

Mr. Strike was president of the Utah Manufacturers Association in 1966 and was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers from



Mr. Strike

1968 to 1969.

Mr. Strike and his brothers are now owners of Hess & Eisenhardt Co., Cincinnati-based funeral coach and stretch-limousine manufacturers. The firm also converts imported British-made Jaguar cars into convertibles.

George Strike is also owner of the Cincinnati-based American Laundry Machine Industries. John is president of the Cincinnati-based Franchising Division of One Hour Martinizing Inc.

Nick Strike's son Louis is president of Hess & Eisenhardt.

A graduate of Westminster College, where he played on the football team, Mr. Strike served 16 years on the Westminster board of trustees.

Mr. Strike and his son recently acquired a major position in the Salt Lake real estate firm of Gump and Ayers.

In 1939 and 1940, Mr. Strike served two terms as president of the Sons of Pericles, a junior order of AHEPA.

Louis served as president in 1965. Nick and Louis are the only father-and-son combination to have held the top post.

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# AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION



The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association—AHEPA is an international fraternal association with chapters in the United States, Canada, Australia, the Bahamas, and Greece. Although approximately 95% of the membership of the AHEPA is composed of American citizens of Hellenic descent, membership is open to everyone who believes in the objects of the Order.

## Purposes

The objects of the Order of AHEPA are:

- To promote and encourage patriotism among its members to the country of which they are citizens;
- To instruct its members in the tenets and fundamental principles of government;
- To instill a due appreciation of the privileges of citizenship;
- To encourage interest and active participation in the political, civic, social, and commercial fields of human endeavor;
- To pledge its members to oppose political corruption and tyranny;
- To promote a better and more comprehensive understanding of the attributes and ideals of Hellenism and Hellenic culture;
- To promote good fellowship, and endow its members with a spirit of altruism, common understanding, mutual benevolence and helpfulness to their fellow human beings;
- To endow its members with the perfection of the moral sense;
- To promote education and maintain new channels for disseminating the fields of culture and learning.

## Beginnings

AHEPA was founded in Atlanta, Georgia on July 26, 1922, for the simple purpose of assisting all immigrants of Greek descent to achieve American citizenship through instruction in the principles of American government, in the use and increased fluency in the English language, and in assisting the Greek immigrant to participate in the civic life of America.

## Civic Participation

AHEPA chapters and auxiliaries plan their own activity and participate in local civic affairs and projects. They are active in aiding and contributing to local fund drives, as well as in raising funds for AHEPA projects.

## International Relations

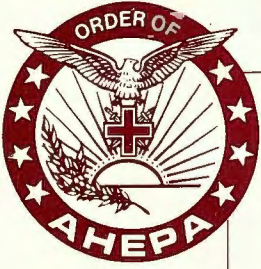
The Order of AHEPA constantly works to further the friendship between the peoples of the United States, Canada, Australia and Greece. Since the 1950's the AHEPA has worked for self-determination of the people of Cyprus.

## Auxiliaries and Chapters

AHEPA has three auxiliary organizations: The Daughters of Penelope (senior women's auxiliary), the Sons of Pericles (junior young men's auxiliary), the Maids of Athena (junior young women's auxiliary). There are over 500 AHEPA chapters, over 350 Daughters of Penelope chapters, over 150 Sons of Pericles chapters and over 175 Maids of Athena chapters.

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## Contributing to a Better Way of Life

AHEPA has contributed to many worthwhile causes. The projects listed below are in addition to local chapter or district projects in the fields of education, charity, and civic improvement. A partial list of the national and international projects include:

- Relief for earthquake victims in Corinth, Greece.
- Funds for the Museum of Greece.
- Dedication of the "War President" Bust of Franklin D. Roosevelt in Hyde Park, New York.
- Construction of the 400-bed AHEPA wing to Evangelismos Hospital in Athens, Greece, and the AHEPA Hospital in Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Construction of seven AHEPA Health Centers in rural areas of Greece.
- Erection of a monument at New Smyrna Beach, Florida, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first landing of Greeks in America.
- Funds for the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem.
- Sale of 500 million dollars of U.S. War Bonds during World War II.
- Maintenance of the Penelopian Home for Girls in Athens, Greece.
- Erection of the Harry S. Truman Statue and Plaza in Athens, Greece.
- Educational journeys to Greece for high school and college students.
- Refugee relief and a "Justice for Cyprus" public information campaign aimed at securing self-determination for the people of Cyprus.
- Presentation of a seven-volume set of Greek Classics to more than 1,000 schools and libraries in the United States and Canada.
- Save-A-Heart Fund contributions for heart operations on children in Greece.
- Annual Bike-a-Thons for the AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation, which has raised over \$200,000 for medical research and patient care.
- Contributions to the Dr. George Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute, Miami, Florida.
- Over \$200,000 annually in scholarships to high school students awarded by the AHEPA Educational Foundation and local AHEPA chapters.
- Construction of the AHEPA School and Hall for Boys dormitory at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York.
- Education of American government and people on past and present conditions in Greece and Cyprus through conferences and publications.
- Sponsor of teams from Greece attending International Special Olympics.
- A leader in effort to return Olympics to Olympia, Greece.



# THE RIPPLES WILL NOT CEASE: AN AHEPA STORY

## **Education, Progress, AHEPA BY STEVEN PHILLIPS**

One hot summer day in 1922, two Greek American businessmen, George Polos and John Angelopoulos, both traveling salesmen working out of Atlanta, met by chance in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Among other things, they talked about the growing wave of hostility that targeted their nationality and religion. It was a time when the Ku Klux Klan, reorganized in 1917 and thriving on militant patriotism, was enjoying a renaissance of hatred in the South. Meanwhile, in Washington DC, Congress and the Federal





Ahepans with President Roosevelt in 1941 (above), with President Hoover in 1930 (bottom left). At left, the first Ball of the New York Chapters in 1924.



Government were discussing ways to stem the tide of "less desirable" immigrants from "certain" countries, which invariably included the Balkan nations.

Both men agreed there was a real need for a patriotic organization that would direct and channel the energy of the Greek community in the United States, a group that would be politically non-partisan and religiously non-sectarian.

There was never a shortage of Greek fraternal organizations whose members came to America from the same region, island or village. These were the *topika*

*somatia* that tended to departmentalize the Greek American community, keeping it well outside of the larger, mainstream American community.

These regional associations, along with the local parish church, brought the struggling immigrant some much-needed comfort, satisfying the basic human need of "belonging." In so many cases the members of these *topika* were instrumental in organizing and building the Greek Orthodox parish church across the land. Fortunate for future generations, many of these organizations are still around. So are the communities they helped establish.

However, faced with the tenor of the times, Polos and Angelopoulos agreed an organization with a much larger, national scope was needed.

The idea for a Pan-Hellenic organization wasn't new. There had been the Pan-

Hellenic Union, established in 1907. But victimized by its own fiscal mismanagement and charges that it was flat-out an agent of the Greek government, it suffered an ignoble end before the outbreak of World War I.

Both men agreed that a truly *American* fraternity of Greeks was the order of the day—a national group that could lead its members to rise above the political fights between Monarchists and Venizelists that typified Greek American community life, to its detriment.

Both believed something that so many immigrants refused to admit: that the Greek settlers were here to stay. This was a reality the Greek community in the United States was slow to accept.

The remarkable thing is that these two businessmen, determined to contribute to American society, not be devoured by it, didn't just talk. They acted.

They presented the idea to a group of twenty-five members of the Atlanta Greek community. Seventeen men of-

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# 1922

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Ahepans presenting President Truman his life membership card in 1948 (left).

*Top to bottom:* Football great Alex Karras was the 1957 recipient of Ahepa's Harry Agganis Award; in 1929, aboard the S.S. Vulcania, Ahepans set out on the second of many annual excursions to Greece; Michael Loris of Brooklyn, New York sold 24,142 U.S. War Bonds in the Ahepa drive.

ferred their support. Now this group met in closed session. On July 26, 1922, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association—the Order of AHEPA—was too a reality.

Twenty more meetings were held that year to lay the groundwork. Constitution and by-laws were adopted. It was decided that members had to be U.S. citizens or in the process of becoming citizens. English was adopted as the organization's official language. Annual dues were set at \$10. Officers were elected. The first president of AHEPA was Nicholas C. Chotas, an Atlanta businessman.

AHEPA's first decade was characterized by explosive growth. Initially it was a fraternity based in the South and Southwest. Of the 32 local chapters established between September 26, 1922 and October 14, 1923, just three were in cities north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Appealing to a rising middle class of Greek Americans interested in climbing the proverbial ladder of success and committed to raising their families in America, AHEPA had 49 chapters and over 2,800 members by the end of 1924. By 1928 there were 192 chapters and over 17,000 members nationwide. Now many of the bigger chapters were in northern cities. Some of the larger cities were host to two or more AHEPA chapters.

The first of 62 national conventions was held in Atlanta in 1923. The second conclave gathered in Washington DC in September of 1924. The delegates agreed that the Order should have its headquarters in the nation's capital, despite the fact that Washington had no enormous Greek community. Wrote Seraphim Canoutas in his 1918 *Greek American Guide*: "This community of about 600 Greeks is one of the most peace-loving and progressive in America, showing none of the absurdities which are usually seen in some of the other communities and colonies."

At this convention the 47 delegates laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and honored Greek American World War I hero George Dilboy, who was originally from Asia Minor. They also called at the White House, where they were cordially received by President Calvin Coolidge.

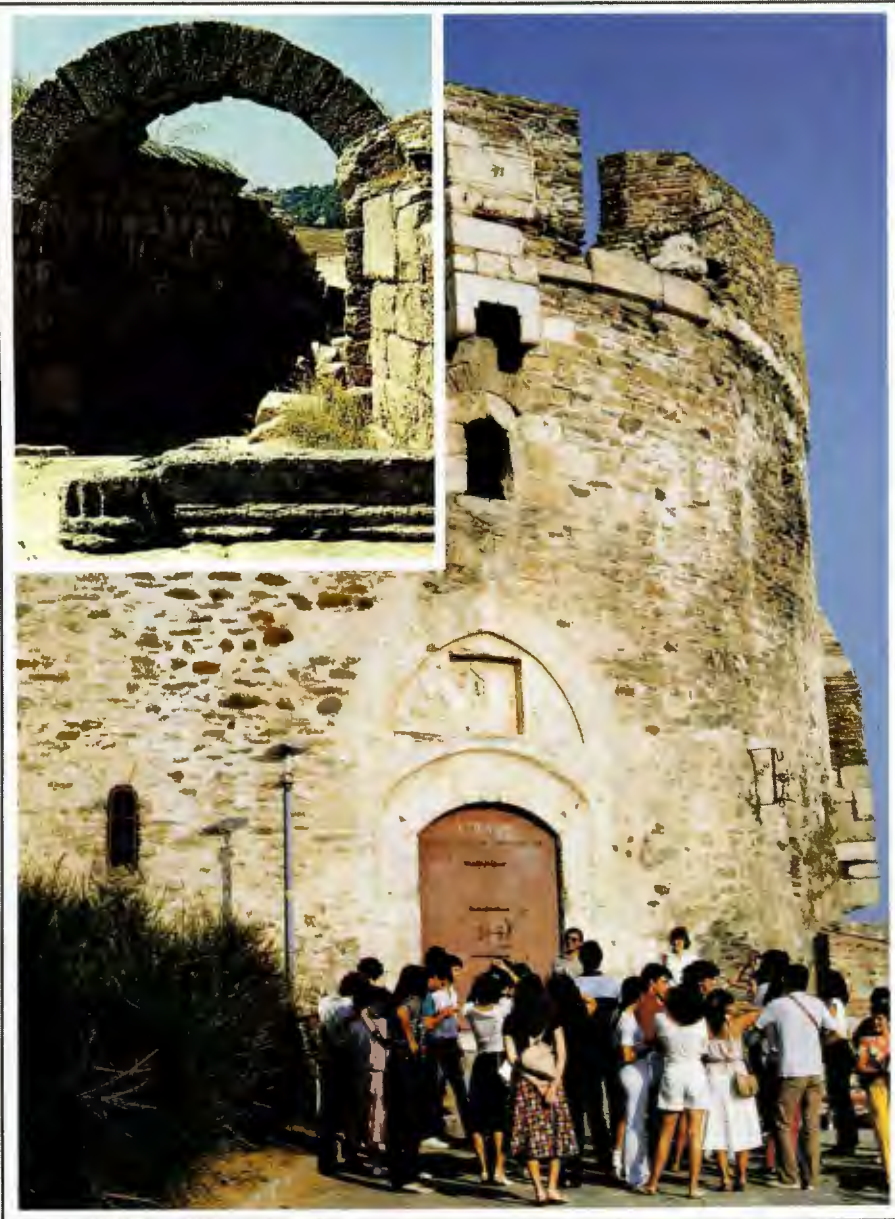
AHEPA was making its presence known and from the very start had its critics: people who objected to its masonic approach, were suspicious of its secrecy, disdainful of what one dissenting voice called "little Napoleons" vying for power.

Above all, the most vocal critics condemned AHEPA's unabashed Americanism and what was perceived as



# 1925

*Scholarships have been part of AHEPA's civic service since the Chicago convention of 1925.*



Sending young Ahepans to Greece (above) teaches the next AHEPA generation about Hellenic culture, while the campaign to return the Olympics Games to Olympia (inset) promotes Hellenism in North America. *Evzones* from the Hellenic Presidential Guard present the Greek flag during the 1986 Congressional Banquet (below).



unrestrained assimilationism.

By 1923 AHEPA had a rival: GAPA, or the Greek American Progressive Association. Along with publications of the Greek Press, GAPA charged Ahepans were "opportunists" and "pseudo-patriots"—"anti-Hellenes committed to a program of de-Hellenization."

On the language question AHEPA stood by English as the language of the country in which they'd chosen to live. AHEPA's publications were in English;

GAPA's publications were in Greek. Greek was heard more or less exclusively at GAPA meetings.

GAPA chose to openly ally itself with the Greek Orthodox Church in America—an institution that in the '20s admittedly needed all the help it could get. AHEPA maintained its distance from religious affairs. GAPA made its headquarters in Pittsburgh, where it was founded, amid a large Greek community. AHEPA had quickly opted for Washington.

The Royalist-Venizelist controversies more or less a thing of the past, the rivalry between AHEPA and GAPA now kept community affairs lively and sometimes hostile.

Though by 1928 GAPA had organized fifty chapters, primarily in cities with large Greek populations, it never achieved the success AHEPA enjoyed.

AHEPA would be inherently better suited for the transition from a strictly Greek-born membership to one that accommodated Greeks born in the old country and the new world. It would prove more in tune with what it recognized early on was the inevitability of assimilation resulting from undeniably permanent residence in a multi-national country like the United States.

Nor was AHEPA as radical as its detractors charged. Once its super-patriotism cooled off somewhat, AHEPA adopted a blend of what its members considered the most positive aspects of both the Hellenic and American cultures.

In 1924 AHEPA President V.I. Chebithes appealed to chapters to sponsor Greek orphans left homeless following the Asia Minor disaster of two years earlier. \$5 a month was required to sponsor a child, and some AHEPA chapters sponsored as many as thirty.

At its 1925 Chicago convention AHEPA urged the U.S. government to extend a \$50 million loan to Greece—and the aid came through. \$12,000 was appropriated for a scholarship fund. And, in an effort to keep peace in the volatile Greek American community, AHEPA took pains to emphasize it did not oppose the exis-

## 1929

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tence of the foreign-language press in the United States.

At the 1926 convention in Philadelphia a junior order, the Sons of Pericles, was organized for the 12-21 age group. The first Sons chapter was established a short time later in Manchester, New Hampshire. In time AHEPA would add auxiliaries for women and young women, too. The Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athena would round out a complete "AHEPA Family."

In 1927 AHEPA raised more than \$53,000 for charitable and philanthropic activities. The following year, in a matter of a few critical months, the members pooled over \$40,000 to aid the city of Corinth, which had been devastated by an earthquake. AHEPA was making a difference, insisted its members, and on both sides of the Atlantic.

In 1929 a corps of Ahepans marched in President Herbert Hoover's inaugural parade—a "first" for any Hellenic-American group. It was a proud and genteel occasion that also included a visit to the White House.

In the coming years AHEPA built a stronger, more visible profile in Washington. Seventy-five Senators and Congressmen attended the Order's first Congressional Banquet, organized by George C. Vournas. Today that biennial event is an AHEPA tradition. In recent years honorees have included President Lyndon Johnson, Vice Presidents Spiro Agnew (whose father, Theodore, helped found Baltimore's AHEPA Chapter No. 30 in 1922) and Hubert Humphrey, Greek Prime Minister (now President) Constantine Karamanlis, Patriarch Athenagoras and comedian-humanitarian Bob Hope.

In 1932 AHEPA fought tooth-and-nail the speculations of the Wickersham Congressional Committee on Crime in the U.S. Its damning allegations infuriated the Greek American community, one of



During the 1984 Congressional Banquet President Cardiges presented Bob Hope with the Socratic Award (above). AHEPA delegations exchange views frequently with Greek and Cypriot leaders, such as the meeting between AHEPA President Gabriel and Prime Minister Papandreou (below).

its victims. AHEPA, relying on its grass roots strength across the land, organized fact-finding forces in every state and succeeded in proving that the Wickersham Report was nothing more than a shameful and inaccurate sham.

In this kind of activity AHEPA was an anti-defamation group that the Greek American community never really had.

AHEPA's friendly, indeed brotherly relations with President Franklin D. Roosevelt also enhanced the organization's stature. FDR had been initiated as a member of AHEPA back when he was Governor of New York. Now AHEPA's regular visits to the Oval Office took on an added significance. They weren't the stiff, formal occasions they had been with Herbert Hoover and Silent Cal.



## The two million dollar picture: Where AHEPA donates

The AHEPA Family contributes over \$2 million annually to projects ranging from muscular dystrophy research and support of Modern Greek Studies to educational journeys to Greece. In an average year AHEPA gives:

Charities	\$ 250,000
Scholarships & other educational activities	400,000
Cultural	300,000
Athletics	150,000
Civic	200,000
Church & support of local Greek communities	900,000
Patriotic	100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>





Senior citizen's housing has become a major thrust of AHEPA during the 1980's. A 72-unit senior citizen complex in Indianapolis was dedicated in 1985 (above), following St. Louis, whose chapter built the first AHEPA-sponsored complex in 1981 (below). Greek music and dancing remain a mainstay at AHEPA conventions and chapter socials (bottom).



The dark days of World War II changed many a life, galvanizing the AHEPA membership and demonstrating just how much such an organization could achieve. The poignant turning point for Greek Americans came more than a year before Pearl Harbor. On October 28, 1940 Mussolini's troops invaded Greece from the north. That day is still remembered and revered as "Ohi Day."

An AHEPA visit to President Roosevelt a short time after brought about what the White House termed "an unusual procedure," as FDR announced a promise of U.S. aid to Greece in her hour of peril.

The Greeks fought the Italians for five months and dealt Mussolini utter defeat. They managed to hold off Hitler's massive war machine for another three weeks before being overwhelmed. That heroism captured the world's admiration.

The Greek War Relief Association (GWRA), spearheaded by the Skouras brothers and other Ahepans in the movie theater business, raised \$4 million in food and supplies by May 1941. Ahepans in various businesses donated a day's or a week's profits to the cause, and many

contributions came from non-Greeks. Ahepans provided about 90% of the labor force in GWRA efforts, speculates historian Theodore Saloutos, thanks again to its grassroots strength.

AHEPA's 1942 convention, celebrating the Order's 20th anniversary, was held in Atlanta. George Vournas of Washington DC was elected President and would lead the organization through the war years.

At the Atlanta convention it was announced that AHEPA had been named an official Issuing Agent for U.S. War Bonds by the Treasury Department, an honor achieved by no other civic organization. Quotas were assigned to each chapter to reach a goal of \$50 million in only four months.

Steve Vasilakos, dubbed "AHEPA's No. 1 War Bond Salesman" had long been a familiar face in front of the White House, selling peanuts from his push cart. He offered a free bag of goobers to each person who bought a bond. His first customer was Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives. The exchange was seen at the movies on the newsreel. There were many more customers, and the successful drive was extended.

Michael Loris, a Brooklyn Ahepan, sold 24,142 individual, small denomination bonds in twelve months. A Zanesville, Ohio Ahepan sold \$44,566 worth of War bonds in one day. Ultimately the project brought in revenues of \$500 million.

The success of the War Bond drive launched a new era for the AHEPA, an era of increased visibility, influence and involvement in Washington that continues to this day.

In its so-called first phase, from 1922 to 1945, the emphasis was on "Americanization" and citizenship programs. Following the War AHEPA broadened its scope and horizons. Now over half of the membership was American-born. Many of AHEPA's Post-War projects would be related to rebuilding a war-torn Greece and, in contrast to its original goal, keeping Hellenism alive among the American-born generations of Greeks.

Following World War II Ahepans con-

## 1946

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tinued raising money for hospitals in Greece and other Greek war relief programs. However, civil war was raging in the motherland. Ahepans were concerned. So was the Truman Administration. On March 12, 1947 President Truman appealed to Congress for immediate military aid. Congress came through and the Truman Doctrine, as it came to be known, was vital in saving Greece from Communism.

AHEPA maintained the warmest of relations with Truman, who was initiated into the Order on Greek Independence Day—March 25th—1946. When the President addressed AHEPA's Congressional Banquet, he said, "I've never had a more enthusiastic reception anywhere!"

That year AHEPA's first Health Center opened in Chrysoupolis, in northern Greece. Construction began on an AHEPA Wing at Athens' Evangelismos Hospital. Other health centers were rising, though construction was often slowed and sometimes halted by guerilla attacks.

AHEPA had come of age. There was no question about the loyalty of Greek Americans to the United States or about citizenship. The reason for establishing such an organization was now a proud memory and AHEPA's enduring foundation.

AHEPA continued its educational and humanitarian efforts and civic-minded programs, focusing much of its energy on a homeland in desperate need of help.

In the vanguard, AHEPA passed a resolution urging self-determination for Cyprus as early as 1946, setting up a Cyprus Affairs Committee two years later. In 1950 AHEPA called the world's attention to the estimated 28,000 children abducted by Communist forces in the Greek Civil War. In 1964 AHEPA sent its first delegation to Cyprus. And today there is AHEPA-PAC, AHEPA's political action committee.

In the last fifteen years, demonstrating an increasing sense of unity not always characteristic of the inner workings of AHEPA in previous years, the organization has worked to become a bridge between the Greek and American people and their governments, making, main-

taining and developing key contacts on Capitol Hill and in Constitution Square.

In an effort to inform the Greek American community, as well as the larger American community and the Washington community in particular, AHEPA sponsors conferences on foreign affairs that bring together government officials, political scientists, leading journalists and, of course, Ahepans. Last year's forum focused on Cyprus; this year's examines Greek-U.S. relations.

Nor is it uncommon to find AHEPA leaders testifying on Capitol Hill before the House Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East or the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

AHEPA's official voice is its magazine, edited by Elias Vlantou and Executive Director Timothy Maniatis, who holds the fort at National Headquarters in Washington. The first issue of the *Ahepan*, edited by Achilles Catsonis, came out 58 years ago.

In addition to press releases, salvos fired off to government officials and letters to the editors of the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times* and other publications large and small, AHEPA publishes its own materials. The most recent offering was *Cyprus: From Independence to Partition* by University of Indiana-Purdue University Professor Van Coufoudakis.

"These publications aim to educate and inform," says Thomas L. Chase, former chairman of the AHEPA Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee. "They form an important part of AHEPA's overall program."

Indeed, education, in a variety of forms, has been a pillar of AHEPA since the very beginning. AHEPA started out educating the immigrant, acclimating him and, as AHEPA chronicler George J. Leber phrased it, "making him a gentleman."

In the early years AHEPA's education program emphasized citizenship and Greek as well as American history. Today it's a different story. With the third and fourth generations of Greek Americans coming of age, AHEPA is doing precisely what GAPA accused it of *not* doing and actually working against: that



Among the many local, national and international projects of the Daughters of Penelope has been raising funds for the Penelopian Day Care Center in Athens, Greece (above). AHEPA's youth auxiliaries not only support causes such as medical research and the Special Olympics, but participate in highly competitive AHEPA athletic tournaments (below).



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is, promoting and preserving Hellenism's spirit and values.

Scholarships have been part of AHEPA's civic service since the Chicago convention of '25. Paralleling that, AHEPA began building the bridge back to the motherland in 1928, when over 500 Ahepans set sail aboard the S.S. Sinaia. Those days, before the Concord and Super-Savers, it was quite an event, a pilgrimage.

Today AHEPA gives scholarships on the local and national levels to promising Greek American students. Its "Journey to Greece" program, for high school students, emphasizes Hellenic culture, history and language.

AHEPA and individual Ahepans have been a force in establishing Greek and Byzantine studies programs at colleges and universities around the country.

AHEPA has been re-focusing too, placing renewed emphasis on Hellenic culture, past and present. The AHEPA Cultural Foundation has sponsored an evening of Greek poetry and music at Wolftrap and lectures on archaeological finds in Cyprus lately.

As a civic-minded group AHEPA has always recognized Americans, Greek and non-Greek, who make valuable contributions to the community and society at large. These have included Presidents

and Prime Ministers, ambassadors and humanitarians, recipients of AHEPA awards made in the name of Socrates and Pericles.

The athlete has a very special place in Greek history and culture and, with AHEPA, so it remains. The Order has always taken enormous pride in the achievements of the Greek American athlete, going back to the heyday of world-class wrestler Jim Londos. AHEPA's Harry Agganis Award was established in 1955, in memory of the great All-American who died in his prime. Agganis honorees have included: in football, Detroit Lion Alex Karras; in basketball, Boston Celtic Lou Tsiropoulos; and in baseball, Baltimore Oriole Milt Pappas. Among recent recipients are Olympic diver Greg Louganis and University of Georgia football coach and All-American Mike Castronis.

The William G. Chirgotis Award, made to outstanding collegiate athletes, was established in 1972. AHEPA also recognizes outstanding professional and amateur women in athletics.

On the local, district and national levels, AHEPA and its junior orders sponsor a wide variety of athletic events and tournaments, believing, like the ancient Greeks, that sports and competition are an important part of daily and civic life.

Nor has AHEPA forgotten the elderly. Soon the fourth Senior Citizen's Center organized under AHEPA's auspices will open. President Zambetis was recently in Mobile, Alabama to break ground for this newest one. These facilities are being sponsored on the local level in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), requiring seed monies of at least \$10,000. St. Michael's Home for the Aged, operated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, has also prospered thanks, in part, to AHEPA funding.

Devoted to ideals of American and Hellenic culture, education and progress, AHEPA, despite its critics, has achieved a singular success. Since 1922 it has been a vital force in the life of the Greek American community.

Summing up the Order of AHEPA, Theodore Saloutos wrote: "More than anything else, through the years it accomplished more in identifying Greek Americans with the greater American community than did all the other organizations combined."

AHEPA's tradition is a proud one. Its legacy is a real one. Its mission goes on, setting sight on new horizons. AHEPA's active role in the Greek American community's development and achievements is a portrait of unselfish public service. □

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**Supreme President John G. Plumides at the White House  
AHEPA Presents Socratic Award to President Ronald Reagan**





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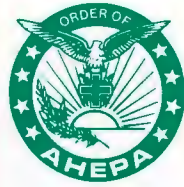
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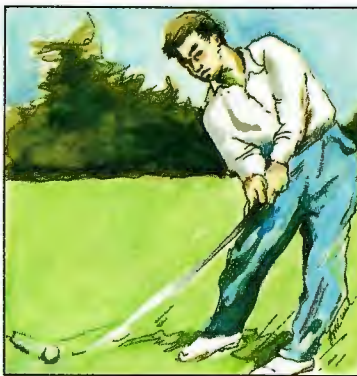
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At the White House, from left to right: John G. Plumides, who was elected Supreme President at the Miami Beach convention, then Supreme President George P. Gabriel, President Reagan, and Past Supreme President Louis G. Manesiotis.

## AHEPA presents Socratic Award to Reagan at White House

An AHEPA delegation headed by then Supreme President George P. Gabriel met with President Reagan on August 7 to present him AHEPA's highest honor, the Socratic Award. Accompanying the Supreme President were Louis G. Manesiotis, then Chairman of the Board of Directors; John G. Plumides, then Chairman of the AHEPA Cyprus & Hellenic Affairs Committee and now Supreme President; and Tom Korologos, a member of AHEPA and an executive vice-president of the Washington firm of Timmons & Co.

Gabriel told the President that he "was honored and privileged to be part of an AHEPA delegation which three years ago

presented you with a \$100,000 check representing the first major ethnic contribution to the renovation of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island." He added that: "We were proud to present this check in honor of our fathers and mothers who immigrated to this land of freedom, and this is why Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty will always have a special place in the hearts of all Greek Americans."

Gabriel then presented the President with the 1986 Socratic Award, a bronze bust of Socrates and a hand-lettered scroll which, Gabriel said, "is symbolic of the greatest Hellenic ideal, the human pursuit of excellence."

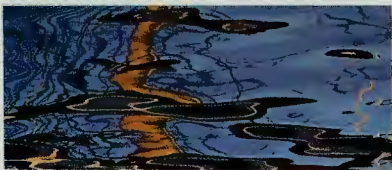
He told President Reagan that he was being presented this award since "you epitomize the never-ending search for excellence and have reached the pinnacle of success as a leader of all people for the common good."

The President said he had studied the philosophy of Socrates and was humbled by the honor of receiving this most coveted award.

The announcement that President Reagan was the recipient of the Socratic Award was made during the AHEPA 26th Biennial Congressional Banquet, held in Washington, DC, on February 10.

### The ripples will not cease

Copies of the AHEPA documentary, *The Ripples Will Not Cease*, which was premiered at the 1986 Supreme Convention in Miami



Beach, FL, are available on video and 16mm film at AHEPA Headquarters. This 18-minute film chronicles the history of the AHEPA from its founding and its tremendous

accomplishments through the years. A special package has been put together for chapters/districts

who wish to screen the film in their communities. The package includes copies of a brochure entitled, *AHEPA—The ripples will not cease*; copies of the AHEPA public relations factsheet; a press release/announcement for your local papers; and, a brief speech for introducing the film to your audience.

**Rental:** A \$100 deposit and \$50 rental fee is required. Please make two separate checks payable to the Order of AHEPA. (The deposit will be refunded after the film is returned to Headquarters). When ordering, specify film or video and format.

**Purchase:** The AHEPA documentary is available on 16mm and video for purchase. The film costs \$150, video copies \$75.

For more information, contact AHEPA Headquarters.



# Plumides, Papuchis Elected AHEPA Family Presidents

At the conclusion of the 64th AHEPA Supreme Convention on August 16, John G. Plumides, a prominent attorney from Charlotte, NC, was elected Supreme President of the AHEPA. Also elected were the lodges of the AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athena.

Serving with Plumides for the next year will be Supreme Vice President Nick Strike, Salt Lake City, UT; Supreme Vice President of Canada Peter Anas, London, Ontario; Supreme Secretary James S. Scofield, St. Petersburg, FL; Supreme Treasurer Thomas L. Chase, Columbus, OH; Supreme Counsellor George Pahnó, Savannah, GA; and Controller George C. Drivas, Hattiesburg, MS.

The Supreme Governors for the next year will be Michael Firilas, Reading, PA; Nick T. Georges, Birmingham, MI; Dr. Steve G. Kirkikis, Shreveport, LA; Dr. Spiro J. Macris, Wilmington, NC; Spero S. Margeotes, Bloomfield, NJ; George J. Pappas Jr., Streamwood, IL; C. Peter Stath, Burbank, CA; and Anthony Topougis, Akron, OH. Dr. Monthe N. Kofos will continue to serve as Supreme Athletic Director.

Elected president of the the Daughters of Penelope, was Felicia Papuchis, Silver Spring, MD, and Kalliope Xenakis, Deerfield Beach, FL, was elected Grand Vice President. Becky Demeris, Houston, TX, was elected Grand Secretary, and the new Grand Treasurer will be Julia Constantine, Naperville, IL. Vasilia Kachmarski, Calgary, Alberta, was re-elected Grand Vice President of Canada.

The Daughters Grand Governors for the coming year will be Cornelia Pappas, Crestwood, NY; Mary Chicos, San Francisco, CA; Angie Speliopolis, Edina, MN; and Anna Topougis, Akron, OH. Diana Rakus, Seattle, WA, was re-elected Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena.

The AHEPA's young women's auxiliary, the Maids of Athena, elected Georgiean Tarabicos, Wilmington, DE, president; Kristen Kaplanis, San Marino, CA, vice president; Kathy Kallas, Hammond, IN, Grand Secretary; Cathy Katikas, St. Clair Shores, MI, Grand Treasurer; and Grand Governors Kim Stathis of Detroit, MI; Alexandra Tarabicos, Wilmington, DE; and Marina Vonortas of Astoria, NY.

## John G. Plumides Supreme President



John G. Plumides, a prominent attorney from Charlotte, NC, and partner of the law firm of Plumides, Plumides, & Caudle, was elected to his second term as AHEPA Supreme President. He had also served in this office in 1963-1964, after being elected to several terms on the Supreme Lodge, including Supreme Vice President, Supreme Secretary, and Supreme Counsellor.

An active member of the Greek American community, he has served as president of the Greek Orthodox community and Holy Trinity Church in Charlotte, NC, one of the largest Greek American communities, for the last six years. He is a member of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council as well as a member of the regional diocesan council.

Plumides is also well-known in Greece and Cyprus for his activities on behalf of Cypriot justice as chairman since 1974 of the AHEPA Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee. He is married and he and his wife, Mary, have three sons.

The Sons of Pericles, the young men's auxiliary, elected George Kaloudis, Upper Darby, PA, as Supreme President; George Ioannidis, Alexandria, VA, Supreme Vice President; Greg Kalamaras, Flushing NY, Supreme Secretary; Lawrence Eleftheri, Merrillville, IN, Supreme Treasurer; and Supreme Governors Paul Flocas, Millbrae, CA; Pete Lageotakes, Chicago, IL; and Basil Mossaides, Philadelphia, PA.

## Felicia Papuchis Grand President



Currently an instructional assistant with the Montgomery County school system in Maryland, Felicia "Cookie" Papuchis has been active in chapter, district, and national Daughters activities throughout her 33-year membership. First elected to the Grand Lodge in 1982, she served as Grand Governor, Grand Secretary, and Grand Vice President, prior to her election as Grand President in Miami Beach this August.

A member of Arion Chapter #298, she has served as chapter president and headed several local educational and fundraising projects. After serving as district Maids advisor, marshal, secretary, and governor, she was chosen as District #3 "Penelope of the Year" in 1981. On the national level she has served as chairwoman of the St. Basil's Seal Drive and headed the convention registration committee in 1980.

Born and raised in the metropolitan Washington area, she is married to past Supreme Governor George Papuchis; they are the parents of one daughter and two sons.

## AHEPA sends 3 million drs. for Kalamata earthquake relief

Responding to the pressing human need created by the September 13 earthquake and continuing tremors in Kalamata, Greece, AHEPA Supreme President John G. Plumides has announced that the AHEPA Board of Directors has approved sending a check for three million drachmas to a relief fund set up for this purpose. He has also asked that AHEPA Family chapters raise funds for the earthquake victims.

"The hearts of all Greek Americans are deeply pained by the human misery created by this earthquake," the AHEPA President cabled to Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, "as in the past, we stand ready and willing to assist Greece in its hour of need."

Seventy percent of the buildings in the southern port city sustained some structural damage, and at least 19 persons are confirmed dead with over 80 persons seriously injured.



# Legislation & resolutions

*The following constitutional amendments were passed by the delegates at the 64th Supreme Convention in Miami Beach, FL, on the basis of recommendations by the Board of Directors.*

**Amend Article XXII, Section 2 to read as follows:**

**SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUPREME CONVENTION.** The membership of the Supreme Convention shall be composed of:

a. The Supreme President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Counsellor, and the eight Supreme Governors of the Order, including the Supreme Vice President of Canada, and the Supreme Athletic Directors as provided in Article XXVI, Section 5, and

b. All past Supreme Presidents of the Order of AHEPA, who shall be entitled to one full vote.

c. The 25 District Governors as provided for in Article XXXI, Section I, and

d. The duly elected and qualified delegates, who have been elected for that purpose by the several Chapters entitled to representation in the Supreme Conventions, as provided in Section 9 of this article.

e. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to one (1) full vote at all Supreme Conventions. No member of the Board of Trustees shall have more than one vote.

f. There shall be no voting proxy within the AHEPA or its auxiliaries, and no member thereof shall transfer his vote to any other member.

**Amend Article XXII, Section 3 to read as follows:**

**SECTION 3. DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING AND CONVENTION CONTROL.**

a. The financial arrangements, plans, social events, and all matters pertaining to the holding of the Supreme Convention shall be under the control of the Supreme President and a Convention Coordinator to be appointed by the Supreme President who shall report to the AHEPA Board of Directors, Supreme Lodge and Supreme Convention.

b. At least six (6) years prior to the selection of a Supreme Convention site, the Convention Coordinator and the Executive Director shall correspond with all cities obtaining bids and offers from city Chambers of Commerce, local Convention bureaus, municipal administrations. The nomination of convention cities should be made, if possible, at least four (4) years before the convention is actually held.

c. The Executive Director shall, under the supervision of the Supreme President and Convention Coordinator, devote as much time as is necessary in that convention city to formulate committees which shall be comprised of members of the host chapter and the host District, and he shall be responsible for all the necessary work and arrangements pertaining to programs, agenda, and specifically housing accommodations for all delegates and alternates of the AHEPA Family in the headquarters hotel during the convention week, and all other details of the convention in order to assure the success of the convention fraternally, socially, and financially.

d. Convention sites shall be selected by the Supreme Lodge and AHEPA Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Convention Coordinator and Executive Director after they have considered all sites. In this instance, the Supreme President and the Supreme Vice President shall vote only as members of the Supreme Lodge. The Convention Coordinator shall not be a member of the Supreme Lodge or Board of Directors.

e. The net profits from each Supreme Convention shall be allocated in the following manner: (a) 50% to the AHEPA Supreme Lodge Treasury; 40% to the Host Chapter; 5% to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge Treasury; 2½% to the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge Treasury; and 2½% to the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge Treasury.

f. Notice of the date, time, and place of the Supreme Convention shall be published to the membership at least one (1) year prior to the convention.

**Amend Article XXII by deleting Section 16 in its entirety and by renumbering Sections 17 and 18 as "Sections 16 and 17."**

**Amend Article XXIV, Section 1 to read as follows:**

**SECTION 1. SUPREME PRESIDENT.**

a. The Supreme President shall be the Administrative Officer of the Order.

He shall supervise the work of the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall have charge and direction for Headquarters and shall be responsible for its efficient operation to the Supreme Lodge, AHEPA Board of Directors, and Supreme Convention consistent with their constitutional duties and responsibilities.

b. The Supreme President shall sign all documents in conjunction with the purchase or sale of real property, leases and contracts related to activities and programs of the Order over which the Supreme Convention has jurisdiction.

c. The Supreme President or his designee shall be the spokesman for the Order and shall be responsible for the Order's public relations consistent with the policies and positions of the Supreme Convention, Supreme Lodge and AHEPA Board of Directors.

d. The Supreme President shall be responsible for the good standing of all Chapters of the Order and shall report, in detail, to the Supreme Convention on the status of all inactive Chapters, as well as those Chapters with 35 or less members in good standing. His assumption of the office of Supreme President shall be conditioned upon his furnishing a surety bond prepared by an indemnity company doing business in the District of Columbia in the penal sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to protect the Fraternity against default in the performance of his duties. The premium for his bond shall be paid by the Supreme Lodge.

e. The Supreme President shall preside at all meetings of the Supreme Lodge.

f. The Supreme President shall receive no salary or remuneration for his services. An appropriation shall be made annually by the Supreme Convention to cover his per diem, travelling and representation expenses, any unexpended portion of which shall revert to the General Fund at the conclusion of the administrative year.

g. In the event of removal, resignation, absence, incapacitation, death, or disqualification of the Supreme President, the Supreme Vice President shall assume the duties of the Supreme President.

**Amend Article XXVI, Section 1 to read as follows:**

**SECTION 1. SUPREME LODGE POWERS.** It shall be the duty of the Supreme Lodge and it shall have the power and authority:

a. To enforce the Constitution, measures, mandates, and decrees



of the Supreme Convention of the Order and to carry out the plans and policies approved and adapted hereby;

b. To define "insubordination" of a Supreme, District, and Chapter Officer, or member, and to prescribe punishment therefor;

c. To provide and establish a method or methods for determining justice between members of the same Chapter or between a member and an officer or officers of his Chapter; or between a Chapter, or its officers, and the District Lodge, or member thereof; or between a Chapter, or its officers, and the Supreme Lodge, or member thereof; and to make, prescribe and pass all such laws, rules, and regulations as may be deemed necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers.

d. MEMBERSHIP: To monitor membership growth or loss and evaluate membership trends by chapter and district; to devise means of contacting new and former members to induce their continued membership; to devise means to retain the interest of members; and to recommend means to attract members from businesses and professions;

e. RITUALS: To adopt and establish uniform Rituals, Rites, and Ceremonies for the various services of the Order, including initiation and installation ceremonies, funeral rites, and for any and all other occasions or functions of which the Order of AHEPA or any unit or subdivision thereof, has complete charge and direction;

f. REGALIA: To design, adopt, and regulate a uniform regalia for the various officers, and members, and to designate the occasion and manner on and in which the same may be worn;

g. PARAPHERNALIA: To dispense all paraphernalia, badges, buttons, insignia, rings, stationery, and other necessities or accessories of like nature to all Chapters, at actual cost price.

h. MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND BLANK FORMS: To reserve the exclusive right of designing, printing, issuing, and distributing to Chapters, or members thereof, forms of membership, certificates, receipts, cards, applications, transfers, and reinstatements;

i. JUNIOR AND AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS: To organize or take over existing auxiliary organizations of either sex under such titles and conditions as it shall deem proper; to review working relationships between the organizations; to recommend combined programs; to monitor growth or loss in the membership of auxiliaries and to devise means to improve growth; to promulgate and enact Constitutions, By-Laws, and Rituals for them, and at pleasure, to amend and in the case of junior organizations, to prescribe any and all rules pertaining to their admission to the AHEPA; provided that the respective heads of all junior and auxiliary organizations shall have a right to a voice and vote on any of the above stated matters, to be considered by the Supreme Lodge of the Order of AHEPA.

j. THE AHEPA EXCURSION.

(1) The AHEPA Excursion shall be a separate department of the Order of AHEPA. The Supreme President and the Chairman of the Supreme Board of Trustees shall act as a Committee in behalf of the Order in the making of all financial arrangements and commitments for each annual Excursion subject to the approval of the Supreme Lodge and the Supreme Board of Trustees. A joint report on all finances shall be made to the Supreme Convention.

(2) A separate account recording all receipts and disbursements shall be maintained for all transactions including the AHEPA Excursion, the Ahepan magazine, and for every other department or fund of the Order.

(3) Twenty-five per cent (25%) of all net proceeds from all sources of the AHEPA Excursion shall be deposited in a special account of the Supreme Board of Trustees to be entitled "The

AHEPA Home for the Aged." No withdrawals from this account are to be made for any purpose except "The AHEPA Home for the Aged," without the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of a Supreme Convention. Withdrawals shall require the signature of the Supreme President, the Supreme Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Supreme Board of Trustees, and the members other than the Chairman, having served for the longest period of time on the Supreme Board of Trustees.

(4) Seventy-five percent (75%) of all net proceeds from all sources of the AHEPA Excursion shall be allocated to the AHEPA Emergency Fund and shall be used solely to pay death benefit claims of deceased members of the Order, provided that the income of the AHEPA Emergency Fund is insufficient to pay any current yearly claims. If, however, the AHEPA Emergency Fund has a surplus then the amount of 75% of the net proceeds shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Order for use by the Supreme Lodge for expenses regularly appropriated by a Supreme Convention of the Order.

(5) All arrangements for the official visits to the Premier, the King and Queen of Greece, the banquet, and all receptions of the AHEPA Excursion shall be made by and in the name of the Supreme Lodge through the Ambassador of the United States, and with the cooperation of the Canadian Ambassador, their representative in Greece.

k. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: To appoint, and prescribe the duties of such Boards, Committees, or Deputies as it may deem necessary and proper for the growth, expansion, general progress, and well-being of such Junior and Auxiliary organizations.

l. SUPREME CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS: The tentative program and arrangements of a Supreme Convention shall be submitted to and approved by the Supreme Lodge at least ninety (90) days before the Supreme Convention.

m. AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR HELLENIC CULTURE: To consider and adopt ways and means for the establishment, promotion, and maintenance of an American Foundation for Hellenic Culture for the revival, preservation and perpetuation of Hellenic culture, language, literature, and traditions.

n. IMMIGRATION: To appoint a committee to cooperate with other groups of common interests for the purpose of enacting legislation, just and equitable, to prospective Hellenic immigrants, but the Order of AHEPA or any committee or agency registered thereunder shall have nothing to do with the administration of any such legislation.

o. The Supreme Lodge shall appoint the Chairman and the National Advisory Board for the Sons of Pericles, with full power of revocation and substitution.

p. WORKSHOPS: To develop and conduct regional workshops and conferences for districts and chapters and other interested members which inform them concerning programs, practices, and procedures of the Order, stimulate proposals to increase membership, and solicit ideas and proposals to better the Order and benefit the members;

q. PROMOTIONS: To develop and implement activities intended to expand the image and membership of the Order;

r. AWARDS: To monitor national, district, and chapter award programs in order to maximize the beneficial effects of these programs; to design plaques, proclamations, certificates, and busts presented as awards; and to recommend recipients of national awards.

**Amend Article XVIII in its entirety to read as follows:**

**ARTICLE XVIII. THE AHEPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**



SECTION 1. There is established the AHEPA Board of Directors. It shall be composed of eleven (11) members. They shall include the Supreme President and the Supreme Vice President as voting members, and nine members elected by the delegates to the Supreme Convention.

SECTION 2. The election of AHEPA Board members shall be conducted in conjunction with the election of Supreme Lodge officers. Any members of the Order of AHEPA, present and registered at a Supreme Convention, shall be eligible to be elected to the AHEPA Board at that convention.

Candidates for the AHEPA Board shall be nominated from the floor of the Supreme Convention and shall be voted upon by secret ballot. For the election of the first AHEPA Board of Directors, each delegate shall be permitted to vote for only three (3) of the candidates and at each election of members of the Board thereafter, each delegate shall be permitted to vote for only one (1) of the candidates running for the AHEPA Board. The AHEPA Board candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill all positions on the AHEPA Board which need to be filled at such election.

SECTION 3. The term of office of AHEPA Board members shall be three (3) years, except of the members initially elected, three (3) shall be elected to three (3) year terms, three (3) shall be elected to two (2) year terms, and three (3) shall be elected to one (1) year terms. A Board member may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. In the event of a vacancy, the Supreme President shall appoint a member of the Order to fill the vacancy through the next Supreme Convention.

The delegates to that convention shall elect a member to complete any unexpired balance of the term. The Supreme President and Supreme Vice President shall serve on the AHEPA Board during each year of their term of office.

SECTION 4. The members of the AHEPA Board shall elect each year the chairman and other officers of the Board except that the Supreme President and Supreme Vice President shall not be selected to be officers of the Board. The AHEPA Board shall meet at the call of the chairman or any four (4) members of the Board. A quorum shall consist of the majority of the members of the Board.

SECTION 5. The AHEPA Board shall do all of the following:

a. Serve as the standing Budget Committee during and between Supreme Conventions. The Board shall prepare and submit an annual budget to the Supreme Convention for action by the delegates. The Board shall review all revenues realized and expenditures made pursuant to the budget approved by the Supreme Convention. In the event actual revenues are lower than the revenues approved by the Supreme Convention, the Board shall reduce expenditures so they do not exceed actual revenues. If a surplus is realized at the end of a fiscal year, ninety percent (90%) of the surplus shall be deposited in the Order of AHEPA Trust Fund.

b. Manage and invest all funds of the Order over which the Supreme Convention has jurisdiction, including operating funds, monies in the Order of AHEPA Trust Fund, and monies in the Order's foundations, corporations, and committees.

c. Buy, sell, or transfer real property only when the transaction has been approved by: (1) at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the entire membership of the Board; and, (2) by at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  of all delegates present and voting at the Supreme Convention, provided that such  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote must also constitute at least a majority of all delegates registered at a Supreme Convention; or, by approval of the majority of the chapters of the Order taken in the interim between conventions. The Board may lease, mortgage, hypothecate, and manage all property of the Order over which the Supreme Convention has jurisdiction only when the transaction has been approved by at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the entire

membership of the Board.

d. Contract with any person concerning the business and programs of the Order over which the Supreme Convention has jurisdiction.

e. The Board shall advise the Supreme President and Supreme Lodge on policies, actions, public statements, visitations, and other matters which may affect international relations.

f. Develop and foster relations and communications between the AHEPA and the Congress of the United States and government officials and agencies. Prepare official AHEPA statements presented to Congress and its committees by the Supreme President or any other officer designated by him.

g. Review the policies, programs, and activities of the Order's foundations, corporations, and committees to assure their development and execution in accordance with decisions of the Supreme Convention. The Board may recommend to the Supreme Convention the creation or termination of foundations, corporations, and committees consistent with the needs of the Order.

h. Have authority and responsibility for the Congressional Banquet.

The Supreme President shall appoint the banquet chairman.

i. Review the policies and activities of the AHEPA Publications Board.

j. Develop, implement, and manage benefit programs on behalf of the members of the Order.

k. Develop and maintain an archival system to preserve the past, present, and future history of the Order.

l. Serve as the standing legislative committee during that period between Supreme Conventions. The Board shall review legislative recommendations proposed by the entities and members of the AHEPA Domain. The Board shall review the constitution and recommend revisions, additions, or deletions necessary to keep the constitution current and free of superfluous or contradictory language. The Board shall prepare and submit legislative proposals in advance to the delegates and to the Supreme Convention through the Legislative Committee newly-appointed at the convention which may include members of the Board.

SECTION 6. The AHEPA Board shall appoint the following board subcommittees: Finance, International Relations, Government Relations, National Foundations, Benefits, Archives, and Legislative. The membership of each subcommittee shall include, but not be limited to, a member of the Board who shall be chairman, a member of the Supreme Lodge who shall be appointed by the Supreme President, and two members of the Order who are not members of either the Board or the Supreme Lodge. Among its members, the National Foundations Subcommittee shall include all chairmen of national foundations, corporations, committees, and projects. The Supreme Counsellor shall be the Supreme Lodge member on the Legislative Subcommittee. Each subcommittee shall prepare and submit to the Board recommendations and reports pertaining to the duties assigned to it by the Board. A subcommittee may call upon knowledgeable persons to advise it in the performance of its duties.

SECTION 7. The members of the AHEPA Board and its subcommittees shall execute their duties in accordance with strict fiduciary standards and shall be covered by an Officers' and Directors' liability policy.

SECTION 8. The AHEPA Board shall report to the Supreme Convention concerning the activities and recommendations of the Board.

SECTION 9. All references in this Constitution to the Supreme Board of Trustees are deemed to be to the AHEPA Board of Directors.



# Day and night:



## AHEPA together again in Miami

Several thousand Greek Americans converged on Miami Beach, FL, the week of August 10-16 for the 64th AHEPA Supreme Convention, the largest annual gathering of North Americans of Hellenic descent. While the AHEPA, Daughters, Sons, and Maids delegates held daily business sessions, thousands of Ahepans and friends enjoyed the various convention social activities.

On Sunday morning Archbishop Iakovos conducted a special church service at St. Sophia Cathedral dedicated to the memory of the late Patriarch Athenagoras I. The official convention opening was held that evening, and dignitaries addressing the opening included Archbishop Iakovos, Congressman Michael Bilirakis, and the AHEPA Family Presidents.

Tony Callesis welcomed the participants to Miami and introduced his convention co-chairman, John Prokos.

Congressman Bilirakis, a two-term Republican from Florida's second congressional district, said he was pleased to see so many old friends gathered in Miami Beach, adding that the AHEPA has become well-known among organizations of all kinds for its caring. The AHEPA, he said, "has been working for what we all desire: the preservation of the Hellenic spirit . . . AHEPA has been the voice of every one of us."

Bilirakis also spoke about Patriarch Athenagoras, in whose memory the 64th convention was dedicated. He concluded by saying that: "Hellenism is ever present in our lives and we are richer for it . . . let our

glorious history—ancient and modern—be our pride."

Archbishop Iakovos said that Greek Americans "were among the most progressive ethnic groups in the United States," adding that this was recognized by the current Administration. He also thanked the AHEPA on behalf of the Archdiocese for its generosity and contributions, particularly to St. Basil's Academy, which shows "the essence of what AHEPA means."

Before addressing the opening ceremonies, Supreme President George Gabriel asked those assembled to join him in singing "Happy Birthday" to His Eminence, who had just celebrated his 75th birthday.

Gabriel discussed the dedication of the convention in honor of Patriarch Athenagoras,



who the Supreme President said, "was able to respond to his problems with love, compassion, and a belief in unity. In dedicating this convention to him, let us hope that all of us can embody these ideals, emulate his achievements, and create programs that serve our communities today and in the future."

### Business sessions begin

Monday morning the convention got underway with business sessions for the AHEPA Family delegates. Nick C. Demeris, Houston, TX, was elected convention chairman and was assisted by vice chairman Steven Georgilakis of Potomac, MD, and secretary Gerry Garbis of Chicago, IL.

The regional golf finalists competed on Monday for the AHEPA national golf titles at the Doral Country Club, and late that evening conventioners danced to the sounds of the Nisiotes Orchestra at the Hellenic Festival. After the Nisiotes, the AHEPA's youth attended the After Hours event, dancing into the early hours of the morning.

Golfers again began their day early on Tuesday as they competed in the annual convention city golf tournament. In the afternoon more than 100 people attended the annual AHEPA Educational Foundation lecture. This year's speaker, Archbishop Iakovos, presented a wonderful talk about Patriarch Athenagoras I. (See page 13.)

The Daughters of Penelope hosted a delegates "surprise" luncheon Tuesday to honor Past Grand President Katherine Caravasios. The luncheon also featured a fashion show presented by Saks Fifth Avenue.

### Sons anniversary celebrated

The Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena celebrated the Sons 60th anniversary with an elegant banquet Tuesday evening. Toastmaster Chris Economides, chairman of the Sons National Advisory Board, introduced the speakers which included Peter Kourides, a founding member of the Sons and currently counsel to the Archdiocese, and banquet principal speaker Nick C. Demeris.

Sons Supreme President George Dariotis presented eleven Sons Past Supreme Presidents with special certificates, including Rev. Emmanuel Gratsias, who also delivered the benediction; Stephen Scopas, also a Past



Archbishop Iakovos and Supreme President Gabriel with members of the Sons and Maids Lodges during the Sons Anniversary Banquet.

Supreme President of the AHEPA and currently chairman of the AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation; and Nicholas Strike and James S. Scofield, who were elected AHEPA Supreme Vice-President and Supreme Secretary, respectively, later in the week.

### Awards Luncheon

Daughters Past Grand President Katherine Caravasios was the toastmaster at the AHEPA Awards Luncheon on Wednesday. Following the presentation of the AHEPA athletic awards by Supreme Athletic Director Dr. Monthe Kofos (see Sports page 14), Grand President Lillian Demitry presented several awards on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope.

Sophie Pappas, a member of Houston, TX, Chapter #54 received the "Penelope of the Year Award" and Mary Hyde of Chapter #144, Portsmouth, NH, was named winner of the Daughters essay contest whose topic this year was: "Why should the Olympic Games return to Greece?" Demitry also presented checks for the various Daughters national projects, including: \$6,500 to the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Center; \$7,000 to the AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation; \$4,400 to Penelope House for Battered Women; and, \$3,700 to the Penelope Foundation.

The Zoe Cavalaris National Athletic Hellenic Woman's Award, presented by athletics chairwoman Angela Magrames, went

to outstanding Greek American tennis player Lea Antonoplis of Glendora, CA.

Supreme President George Gabriel made several special presentations: to Executive Director Timothy J. Maniatis in appreciation for his service; to Past Supreme President Peter H. Cardiges, for his chairmanship of the AHEPA Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island fund drive; and to Philip George, a 50-year member of one of the Order's largest chapters, Washington #31. Gabriel also presented convention co-chairman Tony Callesis with the national "Ahepan of the Year" award for his outstanding contributions and dedicated service.

Wednesday evening the convention really got into swing with the sounds of Warren Covington and the Pied Pipers. The Grand Ball featured continuous music from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am when Covington and the Pipers alternated four sets with the Nisiotes, who provided a special Greek touch.

The highlight to the convention's social events was the AHEPA Grand Banquet, held Thursday evening. The banquet's keynote speaker was Nebraska gubernatorial candidate Helen Boosalis and the dinner also featured the premiere of the AHEPA documentary film, "The ripples will not cease," in its multi-media format. (See page 13.)

The banquet was followed by the Sons and Maids annual talent show which lasted into the early hours of the morning.

The convention was officially adjourned Friday evening following the installation of the newly-elected AHEPA Supreme Lodge.



# Boosalis, Veliotis highlight Grand Banquet

More than 1,200 Ahepans and friends attended the Grand Banquet on Thursday, August 14, the highlight of the Supreme Convention. Among the dignitaries attending the banquet were Helen Boosalis, Democratic Party Nebraska gubernatorial candidate; Nicholas Veliotis, a recently retired career foreign service officer and president of the Association of American Publishers; Alexander Philon, Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of Greece; and Andreas Jacovides, Ambassador of Cyprus to the U.S.

The banquet opened with an introduction of the head table, followed by an invocation offered the Very Reverend Demosthenes Mekras. Anthony Callesis, the general convention co-chairman, welcomed the Ahepans and their guests to the banquet.

After dinner Toastmaster Gus Gekas introduced the Grand President of the Maids of Athena, Mary Varvaris, who outlined her organization's progress by comparing their activities in 1962, the year she was born, with their current projects.

George Dariotis, Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles, was the next speaker. Since the Sons are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year, he spoke about their long history of social service.

## Greetings from Greece

The Minister-Counselor of the Greek Embassy in Washington, Alexander Philon, then read a message to the AHEPA from Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou: "Once more I would like to express to you our admiration for the prominent and active place you occupy in your second homeland—an undoubted confirmation of the ever-present creativity of Hellenism and of its continuous progress wherever it may exist throughout the globe."

"As always," the message concluded, "we shall stand by your side and in the certainty that we shall continue all together to defend our national rights, I send you my warmest good wishes for the success of your convention."

In his remarks, Minister-Counselor Philon noted that "one of the main tasks that AHEPA has undertaken and continues to pursue with great dedication is to play an active role in strengthening the ties that bind Greece and the United States and to encourage friendship and cooperation between the two countries, which they have traditionally had since their independence—ties that are more emotional and that go deeper than

official, diplomatic pronouncements can express."

He also read messages of warm greetings from the Undersecretary of Culture, George Papandreou, and the Secretary General for Greeks Aboard, Antigoni Karali-Dimitriadi, to the convention.

Ambassador Jacovides conveyed the greetings of Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou to the convention. Thanking the AHEPA for its support, Jacovides added that: "Justice, freedom, the respect of human rights and the rule of law, these are the very principles at stake in the extremely difficult situation we are currently confronted with."

He continued that: "On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty, where AHEPA so creditably participated, many beautiful words were spoken of freedom as an American ideal—and rightly so. But, the torch of liberty should be shining bright not only in New York's harbor, but for all people who love freedom everywhere in the world, including our martyred island."

## "Ripples" premiered

After the Ambassador's comments the banquet viewed a 20-minute multi-media show on the history of the AHEPA and its varied activities titled, "The ripples will not cease".

After a review of her administration and the achievements of the Daughters offered by Lillian Demitry, Grand President of the Daughters, the Honorable Nicholas A. Veliotis outlined the difficulties involved in searching for a lasting solution to the problems of the Middle East.

"The U.S. role of peacemaker is frustrating, difficult and often heartbreaking," Veliotis noted. "Too often we labor mightily to find that we really have succeeded in standing still. Under these circumstances, why should the U.S. continue to struggle, to spend the time, energy, money and even lives to bring the parties together? The simple answer is we do it because we are the United States and the search for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors is in our vital national interests."

He concluded by commenting on the multi-dimensional problem of terrorism.

## Three presentations made

Among the presentations made at the banquet were ones to Cleo Deoudes, who re-

cently retired after 34 years of dedicated service at AHEPA National Headquarters; to Peter Agris, publisher of the *Hellenic Chronicle*, who received the organization's Excellence in Journalism Award; and to AHEPA President George Gabriel, for his outstanding leadership during the year.

The evening's principal speaker was Helen Boosalis, the Democratic Party Candidate for Governor of Nebraska. (See remarks.)

Alluding to the odyssey of the early immigrants, she noted that: "It's the measure of the effective work of AHEPA that Greek



Cleo Deoudes receiving an appreciation award from President George Gabriel.

Americans became a seasoning ingredient in this great melting pot called America, blending into this nation of diversity, yet holding out the values, the heritage, the true 'greatness that is Greece' as cornerstones for the foundation of our nation."

In his response, AHEPA President Gabriel spoke of his experiences during the last 12 months, and how, with each chapter contributing its share, the organization continues to be the major force in Greek American life.

He reiterated the main theme of his administration, that the AHEPA offers many opportunities for leadership and that the development of leadership qualities is one of the most important benefits of participation in AHEPA.

"Finally, as I end this wondrous journey with the AHEPA Family through our domain, and noting their legacy of great accomplishments of yesterday and today," he concluded, "I pray that the Lord grants us the wisdom and the understanding to continue the good work of the AHEPA in unity of purpose for the common good."





## Remarks of Helen Boosalis

It's difficult to find the right words that truly convey the emotions I feel tonight. This occasion is like coming home after a long absence, when one is enfolded again into the loving and caring embrace of family.

Being with you tonight is like that for me, coming home. This is an evening of happiness and joy, of deep humility and soaring pride, and an opportunity for all of us to express our thankfulness for the rich heritage that we share as Greek-Americans.

Family and community are two simple words that express the lasting values that are at the core of our Greek-American heritage and which are at the very heart of our great American democracy.

It's an impressive tribute to the AHEPA that Greek-Americans have been assimilated in such a positive way into our American culture, assimilated in a way that has permitted us to effectively influence our democratic institutions and to share with our nation the lasting values of the Greek traditions of democracy.

Cultural diversity is what America is all about and for more than 60 years this group has led the way in bringing two cultural traditions together, uplifting and honoring the values of each and working to smooth the edges where they interface so that our Greek-American values can reach new heights.

It's a measure of the effective work of AHEPA that Greek-Americans became a seasoning ingredient in this great melting pot called America, blending into this nation of diversity yet holding onto the values, the heritage, the true "greatness that is Greece" as cornerstones for the foundation of our great nation.

It's in the tradition of what Aristotle

called the "common advantage" of men and women coming together to share their pride in this nation, to strengthen the ties of friendship between Greece and America, and to advance the cause of education and civilized values that we all share and cherish.

That's what this association has stood for in its years of leadership in the Greek-American community. I'm proud to be a part of this great heritage . . . and to be the daughter of parents from Sparta who became citizens of America and who during their lives were a part of the fine Greek groups of AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope.

Who would have expected that a daughter of Greek-Americans who immigrated some 80 years ago to Minneapolis would today be addressing this distinguished group as a candidate for governor of Nebraska—and not the only woman in the race, but as one of two women seeking the same electoral job—the first time this has ever happened in this country? Truly, good things can happen in America.

When I started, I said that family and community are important concepts in our heritage. I know they have been in mine. Politics and government were topics that stimulated our dinner table discussions when our family gathered, particularly for those traditional Sunday dinners. More than lively debates, those discussions were valuable in making young children aware of the meaning that democracy held for our parents and to help us understand the gratitude that they were so filled with because they could vote and be a part of a government which gave them opportunity to grow and to be themselves.

I remember trips to the state legislature in Minnesota with my uncle, and while there listening to the debates and arguments on issues that I barely understood at the time. But, I knew, even if just subconsciously, that it was important that issues should be discussed in a free and open environment.

It's no less true today than it was when I was a child growing up in Minneapolis or when Pericles and the other great leaders of Greece were carving out the roots of our democratic heritage: that free and open discussion by free and independent people will build a strong nation, strong cities, towns and neighborhoods, strong communities, and strong families.

It's politics at its best when people and their government can debate, compromise, and reach solutions to solve the great issues that face us as a people. We are communities of people and as Aristotle said: "All these communities seem to be encompassed by the community that is the state; for the political community does not aim at the

advantage of the moment, but at what is advantageous for the whole of life."

Community is expressed today in many ways.

It's the hundreds of Nebraska farmers, many struggling even now to survive in the face of high debts and low prices, who last week loaded railroad boxcars with hay to send to farmers in the drought-stricken Southeast part of this nation. And as one of those who was helping to load that hay said, "I know what they're going through. I lost my farm last year. But when people need help, you can't stand on the sidelines."

It's expressed in our willingness to provide care and support for those in need, for those who are hungry, for those who are ill and alone, for those who are threatened with the loss of their freedom.

I learned about political community and the wholeness of life in those discussions around the family dinner table. I learned about it as an elected member of the Lincoln City Council, as the Mayor of Lincoln, as President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and as the director of the Nebraska Department on Aging.

Just as I know you, gathered here as the AHEPA aren't ready to rest in building bridges between cultures, I'm not ready to rest in helping the citizens of Nebraska to build new bridges of progress and excellence in the next four years.

I know that in governing a great state, which I intend to be doing in five months, that there can be no rest. Perhaps that's one of the great traditions of our Greek-American heritage that we bring to America, the understanding that there can be no rest in order for there to be great achievement, and that the consequences of individual actions and the responsibility for those consequences are the basis of building a great democracy.

Each of us, in our own ways, have been building democracy. And this association, through the community of Greek-Americans, has been a progressive leader in bringing two worlds together, and finding ways to achieve a consensus for the common advantage.

Life has been a whirlwind the past few months. It really started started in February when I was honored with the Salute to Women award by the Daughters of Penelope, one of the cherished moments of my life. Then came the primary campaign and now the general election.

I do so appreciate all of the support, love, concern, and certainly the advice which I've received from so many of you from all across this country. You are like family. I'm proud to be a part of you. Long live the Greek-American family!



# Athenagoras: His dream of freedom

The Athenagorian Year has been conceived as a year when we, his spiritual children and grandchildren, dedicate ourselves to the same goals and ideals to which he felt dedicated all his life.

The first and foremost ideal in Athenagoras' life was freedom. He was born in a village under the rule of the Ottoman Turks. For the first fifteen years of his life he lived in that village, very close to the Albanian border.

A doctor's son, he asked his father if he could be educated to become a physician and serve his village. The time was very difficult and very adverse, and instead of going to Athens, he was sent to Halki, to the Theological School of the Ecumenical Patriarchate where he studied theology for seven years.

After he was ordained he was sent to another village under Turkish rule, Vitolia, the Slavic name for monastery. He served there until he was forced by the Turks to leave that village.

It was to his benefit because he chose to go to Mount Athos where he lived for four years, until 1921, when he was called from Mount Athos to be the Archdeacon of the Archbishop of Athens.

He then became the Metropolitan of Corfu where he served until 1931 when he was elected Archbishop of North and South America, and left Greece forever.

He came here and from here went to Istanbul [Constantinople] in order to serve for 24 years; twenty-four years of suffering. His dream was to possess freedom and live in freedom but his dream never came to fruition. He went back to Turkey and he died in a land where even freedom of religion was not encouraged.

It is very difficult for you who were born here or grew up here to understand the importance of freedom for a person living under Turkish occupation. By necessity he becomes a dreamer, a visionary. Some misunderstood the Patriarch and thought of him as a dreamer who had nothing to do with reality.

My own opinion differs. I knew the Patriarch from 1939—when I came to America in response to his invitation—until 1972 when he died.

When Athenagoras came to the U.S. his immediate goal was to free the church from divisions, from hostility and from political passions, which were running very high at that time. The Church was divided and as

those of you from New England, especially from the Lowell area, know, some priests in the area were carrying rifles to defend themselves.

This was unacceptable to Athenagoras and he tried very hard to calm down the passions, to help people to realize that they should feel like brothers and sisters, not as political enemies, and that the Greek Orthodox community in this land had a great future if and when Greek Orthodox people here realized that they belonged to one another, that they are one church, and that they should work hand-in-hand in order to open new vistas and new avenues for the people to march free of passions, free of political prejudices and free from hostility.

It took him at least ten years, but he was finally successful. He brought people together. He reconciled enemies. He united the communities in one archdiocese. And, I think, his greatest satisfaction and reward came from these eighteen years of serving you and your parents. It was here that he acquired, for the first time, a sense of security and a sense of freedom.

Athenagoras' advice to me as a young deacon was to follow as loyally as I could in his footsteps and not to allow politics to enter into the life of the church.

Athenagoras worked against these forces that always tend to keep our people down, and through democratic ways he succeeded triumphantly. He was the first one to initiate collegiate congresses and the first to befriend all organizations, especially the Order of AHEPA.

He was tireless in his efforts to erase prejudices from the minds of people. The most laborious work and the most painful work was when he was exposed, as I happen to be exposed at times, between the forceful ideas of different factions.

He was a patient person, a loving one, a praying one, a solitary man, whom very few knew and even fewer were able to understand.

His sense of humor seemed unmatched. He was a free thinker man who knew when and how to love, how to smile, and how to embrace people and bring them together under his embrace. His most eloquent words were spoken by his eyes and the most convincing gestures were the stretching of his arms and the embrace of people.

The Greek Orthodox community, the church, the *symbolia*, the church committees, and AHEPA cannot afford playing



*Patriarch Athenagoras I*

games of power. There is only one power which can enable us to achieve real miracles, and that is love and unity. It is not a game of supremacy. No one is better than the other and no one is stronger than the other, because some people who are physically frail may be spiritual giants, and people who have many diplomas from many universities can prove themselves foolish.

The peasant may have the wisdom of a very educated person and the very educated person can be as foolish as a child.

AHEPA and the Church need one another. Let us continue walking in parallel and work together for the betterment of our people and for the improvement of the social, political and other conditions prevailing here and elsewhere.

Athenagoras died the first day of July, 1972, 16 years ago, but you know very well he is very much alive. He is alive in your hearts, your minds and your memories.

Athenagoras did not die as a happy person, because he did not see his dream of freedom being materialized. But he died a righteous person, a prophet, a man of God, and he is with God. And that's the most blessed state for a true Christian, for a man who has set as his goal in life to become a better person, a more loving person, a person reaching out, a person who can expend himself for one cause: the cause of togetherness, the cause of oneness, the cause of peace, and the cause of freedom.

Thank you.

*Excerpts from the AHEPA Educational Foundation lecture presented by Archbishop Iakovos.*



# Sports Roundup

Competition was fierce this year in golf, basketball, tennis, softball, and bowling as individuals and teams vied for local, regional, and national titles. Here is a round-up of the action.

## Golf

Record turnouts marked the regional tournaments as golfers across the United States squared off in these qualifying rounds of the national regional in Miami Beach, FL, on August 11.

In June, long-hitting **Peter Farmasonis** of Seattle, WA, shot a 76, edging out **George Constantine** at the northwest regional championships to secure a place in the national finals. Seattle's **Terry Karis** shot a 69 to win the low net handicap to qualify for the low net round.

The fast greens of the Warwick Hills Country Club helped **Chris Baryames, Jr.** spice three birdies to win the midwestern regional, also held in June. **Pete Vlangos** of Detroit, MI, shot a strong 87-24-63 in the handicap round, winning his first AHEPA title and a place in the finals. At the third AHEPA regional held in June, **Ted Zonos** of Downey, CA, and **Harry Lioses** of Burbank, CA, edged the competition to take the western regional titles in Pasadena.

Newcomer **John Loukrites** pulled off a mild upset at the southern regional in May in Clearwater, FL, to qualify along with low net champion **William Konrad** for the national finals. Tied with **Art Poly** in the northeastern regional, **Tom Nicolaou** of Waterford, CT, took the title in a card runoff; however, Poly's low net 67 was enough to earn him a spot in the national regional in Miami.

Defending champion **Ted Kamataris** of Marlboro, MA, was unable to hang on to his title, as the regional champions teed off at the Doral County Club in Miami Beach, FL, for the national regional. Steady play helped long-hitting **Eric Kirsch** of Steubenville, OH, shoot two great rounds of 73 to win the coveted title. Meanwhile, **Jim Beleos**, an 8-handicapper from Camden, SC, shot some great golf to defend his title in the handicap round and became the first golfer to win three consecutive AHEPA national championships.

Seventy-two golfers returned to the Doral County Club the next day to compete in the convention city golf championship. Despite a severe storm which raged throughout the day, there was some excellent play

and good scoring, which saw **Eric Kirsch** and **Peter Scaramoutsos** of Memphis, TN, tied for first with 73. Kirsch won the title in a card runoff; **Lisa Siaggas** of Reno, NV, won the women's championship for the second year, shooting an 82.

In March more than 100 golfers met on the greens of the Tucson National Golf Resort to compete in the annual national invitational tournament. **George Beys** of San Angelo, TX, repeated his performance at the 1980 Invitational in Scottsdale, AZ, to win his second national invitational title. His performance also won him the tournament's Dr. Michael Spirtos Outstanding Golfer award. A special presentation was also made to **Terry Karis** at the tournament banquet in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the AHEPA athletic program.

## Basketball

The **Alpha Omega** team representing Detroit, MI, came back strong this year, defeating the **Washington DC All-Stars** 66-56 at the national invitational basketball championship in Westlake, OH. Hosted by Lakewood Chapter #389, the tournament was held at the Lorain County Community College gymnasium and drew 16 teams, including one sponsored by the Commercial Bank of Greece.

**Marlboro** defeated **Chicago Lord Byron** 72-60 and 74-63 to win their second consecutive **Sons National Basketball Tournament**. Leading Marlboro in total points scored were **Val Moutsopoulos** with 36 and Team Captain **Mike Koshivas** with 26. The **Marlboro Ahepans** did not fare quite so well, losing the northeastern AHEPA basketball championship 56-65 to Boston.



Convention City Tennis champions Peter Scaramoutsos and Dee Dee Spyropoulos



Harry Agganis Award recipient Jim Karsatos (left) was also presented with the Toledo Chapter's Gus County AHEPA Athletic Award by award donor County (right) earlier this year.

## Tennis

Undaunted by his runoff loss to Kirsch in the convention city golf tournament, **Peter Scaramoutsos** of Memphis, TN, was unstoppable on the Fontainebleau's tennis courts during the convention city tennis tournament, scoring an AHEPA "grand slam." In the Mens Doubles and Mixed

## Give sports a boost!

The AHEPA National Athletics Boosters Club was created to advance and sustain the AHEPA's diverse athletic program, which currently includes 17 tournaments, an awards program, the AHEPA Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame, and the AHEPA All-Star Basketball team.

The Boosters Club, a trust fund to help adequately maintain these programs, was established last year. Funds will be raised through a \$10 annual membership fee and the activities of the Boosters Club will be supervised by a six-member board which, in turn, will coordinate the work of a 40-member committee.

Sports activities are an important part of our lives, providing entertainment and promoting health through exercise. The AHEPA athletic program is the most diverse and extensive ethnic athletic program in the country—but it needs your support. So give sports a boost and join the Boosters Club today by sending in your name, address, and a \$10 annual membership fee to: AHEPA Athletic Boosters, AHEPA Headquarters, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington 20036.



Doubles competitions he teamed up with **Manny Pappas** of Webster, MA, and **Dee Dee Spyropoulos** of Lynn, MA, to defeat their finals opponents in straight sets. Scaramoutsos and Spyropoulos also won the singles titles.

## Softball

Posting a 6-0 record, the team from **North Royalton, OH**, won its first national softball championship in Flint, MI, on July 5-6. Only one other team, four-time champions Richmond, VA, have gone undefeated in an AHEPA national tournament. North Royalton pitcher **Jim Kantarzis** was named tournament MVP and team mates **Tom Chubokas** and **Chuck Lupica III** were selected to the all-star team, along with **Dr. Costa Buterakos** and **Lou Iordanou** of Flint, MI; **Bob Scerra** and **Steve Bosworth** of Marlboro, MA; **Gary Manous** of East Chicago, IN; **Jim Koukios** of Detroit, MI; and **Nick Salderis** of London, ON.

## Bowling

Coming within five points of their 1977 winning score, **Shoreline Chapter #380** bowled a 2990 to take the **Louis Asimakopoulos National Bowling Championship** hosted by Hammond, IN. **Alex Theofanis** and **Pete Anton** emerged as national doubles champions, while **Alex Vickas** edged out Anton by three pins to win the national singles championship.

In the women's division, **Medea Chapter #128 Team 1** banged out a 2665, edging out the **Zoe-Dione Chapter #311** team. The national doubles title went to **Mary Liveris** and **Elaine Alles**; **Stephanie Pazoles** hit a nice 557 to win the singles championship. **Toula Garbis**, who won the all events with a big 1723, also had an impressive 244 for the tournament's high game.

Just as Chicago teams continue to dominate the Louis Asimakopoulos championship, New York is the powerhouse of the northeastern ten pin tournament. A big 3059 secured the team championship for **Pequa** while team members **John Dascal** and **George Floratos**, and **Demetri Gerontakos** took the doubles and singles titles respectively.

At the Bowlerama Lanes in Portsmouth, NH, **Lynn, MA** convincingly won its fourth consecutive northeastern candlepin championship. The class b title was won by the host city chapter, **Portsmouth**, while **Manchester** won class c. At the **District #8** tournament in Brockton, MA, **Marlboro Team 1** broke Lynn's four year winning streak, denying Lynn the chance to tie its record of five consecutive district titles.

# Five win top AHEPA athletic awards

Five of America's top professional and collegiate Hellenes in the athletic field—Peter Dalis, Jim Karsatos, Chris Farasopoulos, Lisa Siaggas, and Anthony Pappadakis—were honored at the annual AHEPA Awards Luncheon at the Miami Beach Supreme Convention on August 13. Principal speaker at the luncheon was University of Miami Baseball Coach Ron Frazier.

Former New York Jet **Chris Farasopoulos** was inducted in the AHEPA Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame. Born in Pireaus, Greece, he came to the United States at the age of five. He later attended Brigham Young University, where he set a new NCAA record of 2,454 yards for combined kickoff and punt returns. Although drafted by the Baltimore Orioles, he declined to sign with the team when they asked him to shorten his name; but, baseball's loss was football's gain when he was subsequently drafted by the Jets.

In only his second pro season, he nailed down a spot in the starting lineup at free safety and, with two interceptions for a total 48 yards, he was soon rated among the team's top defensive backs. During his career he also led the AFC in punt returns and scored a touchdown on a 65-yard return against Buffalo.

Accepting the 1986 Harry Agganis Award, UCLA Athletic Director **Peter Dalis** told the more than 1,000 Ahepans and friends at the luncheon that "the one thing I admire most about Harry Agganis was his dedication not only to his sport, but to his family and to his community. We hear so much now about the ills of sport," he continued, "about scandals, about drug problems. But, let me assure you that most of the people I have come across in intercollegiate athletics are much more in the mold of Harry Agganis than they are of the ills you read about." Dalis was appointed UCLA athletic director

in 1983 and has since helped guide the university's teams to the 1984 Pacific Athletic Conference Title, two Rose Bowls, the 1985 Fiesta Bowl, 1984-85 Men's Tennis Championship, and 1985-86 National Men's Soccer Championship.

Ohio State quarterback **James Karsatos** was the selection committee's unanimous choice for the 1986 William Chirgotis Outstanding Collegiate Athlete Award. As the team's starter, Karsatos passed for 2,311 yards and 19 touchdowns in the 1985 season and set a new school record of 61.2% pass completions. The son of Mr. and Mrs. James Karsatos of Fullerton, CA, the award was accepted on his behalf by his mother.

"I have been involved with the AHEPA since I was born," **Lisa Siaggas** said, accepting the 1986 Dr. Kimon Doukas Scholar-Athlete Award. "I have travelled many places with the AHEPA. I went to Greece with the basketball team with my father and I have met wonderful people."

A member of the San Diego State Women's golf team, she was awarded the prestigious 1986 Pacific Coast Athletic Association Student-Athlete of the Year award for her outstanding athletic achievements and her 4.0 grade point average in her sophomore year.

**Anthony Pappadakis**, this year's recipient of the James Kekeris High School Scholar-Athlete Award, will be attending Albion College this fall as a pre-law student. An excellent student with a 3.5 grade point average, he overcame Hodgkins disease three years ago and excelled in varsity basketball and football.

Following presentation of the athletic awards Catherine Karavasios, the luncheon master of ceremonies, introduced the principal speaker, Ron Frazier. Frazier entertained the audience with stories of his coaching experiences and philosophy.



National Athletic Director Dr. Monthe Kofos (far left) with the recipients of this year's AHEPA Athletic Awards (left to right): Farasopoulos, Mrs. Karasatos, Eric Kirsch, Siaggas, and Pappadakis.



## Eagleton receives Periclean Award



From left to right are Supreme President Plumides; Banquet Chairman Sam Nakis, a member of the AHEPA Board of Directors, Senator Sarbanes, Senator Eagleton, and Archbishop Iakovos.

Retiring Missouri Senator Thomas F. Eagleton was presented the AHEPA's coveted Periclean Award at a testimonial in the Senator's honor held in St. Louis, MO, on September 6.

In presenting the award, Supreme President John G. Plumides reviewed the many accomplishments of Senator Eagleton during his 17 year Senate career, with particular emphasis of his support for Cypriot justice.

Plumides presented the Senator with a bronze bust of Pericles and a hand-lettered

scroll which noted that: "His brilliant Senate leadership for the application of the rule of law with respect to foreign aid to Turkey has highlighted the plight of the people of Cyprus and contributed to their long struggle for independence and self-determination. His contribution toward justice in the Eastern Mediterranean will remain for years to come."

Among the other speakers to praise Eagleton that evening were Senator Paul Sarbanes; Archbishop Iakovos, who presented

Eagleton with the Cross of St. Andrew; and William H. Danforth, chancellor of Washington University.

A check for \$10,000 was presented to Chancellor Danforth by the banquet organizers as a contribution to the Thomas F. Eagleton Endowment Fund, which will endow a chair of political science at Washington University. Upon his retirement from the Senate this January, Eagleton will teach public affairs at the university.



Chancellor John Danforth holds a facsimile of a check for \$10,000 representing the banquet's contribution to the endowment fund. Seated is Nick Karakas, banquet toastmaster.

## Hartford seniors center dedicated; Montgomery ground broken

AHEPA's senior citizens housing program held two important events during the summer: dedication of the 41-unit AHEPA Nathan Hale Senior's Center in Hartford, CT, and ground breaking for a 50-unit AHEPA center in Montgomery, AL.

In 1985 HUD allocated \$1.8 million for a 50-unit AHEPA complex in Montgomery and ground breaking was held on June 12 at the new site, which is on property adjoining the city's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

Over 200 persons attended the festivities, which received extensive local media coverage. A reception was held immediately following the ceremonies.

Among the dignitaries present were Montgomery Mayor Emery Folmer; Congressman William Dickinson; Nick Smyrnis, chairman of the AHEPA National Housing



Chapter #58 President Merisotis unveils dedicatory plaque with George Pazianos.

ing Corporation; then Supreme Governor George Venturatos; a representative of Senator Jeremiah Denton; Richard Compton of the regional HUD office in Birmingham; and city and county commissioners. Bishop John of Atlanta blessed the site.

Mike Miaoulis, president of the Montgomery chapter housing corporation, reports that many inquiries regarding the

future center have been received.

Five weeks later the focus shifted to Hartford, where a fully occupied 41-unit complex was dedicated on July 19. John Melonopoulos, president of AHEPA 58 Inc., was toastmaster for the outdoor event and speakers included James Boesch, Mayor of the Town of Wethersfield; Bernard Cameron, a HUD deputy director; Nick Smyrnis, chairman of the AHEPA National Housing Corporation; Charles Georgeson, then Supreme Vice-President; Lillian Demitry, then Daughters Grand President; and District #7 Governor Chris Totolis.

The Rev. James Demetriades of Hartford's St. George Cathedral blessed the building and Daughters Chapter #198 prepared the refreshments, which were served in the center's family room. In the evening a banquet and dance was held at the center.



# Sanctions Against Turkey

This resolution was unanimously passed by the 64th Supreme Convention on August 14, 1986

**WHEREAS**, the military government of Turkey continues to violate the rule of law by continuing its aggression and illegal occupation of 37% of Cyprus; and,

**WHEREAS**, the government of the United States of America continues to subsidize Turkey's unlawful occupation of Cyprus; and, **WHEREAS**, the deliberate invasion and occupation of Cyprus by Turkey is clearly in violation of international law, the United Nations Charter, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Charter, as well as American laws and bilateral agreements under which use of the United States-supplied military equipment is permitted for defensive purposes only; and

**WHEREAS**, since the American embargo on foreign aid to Turkey in 1974 was partially removed in 1976 and fully removed in August of 1978, the military government of Turkey has not negotiated in good faith concerning the language and the spirit of the Wright Amendment in bringing about a just and lasting settlement of the on-going tragedy in Cyprus, and in accordance with the stipulations for lifting the embargo; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent U.N. Draft Framework Agreement submitted by the U.N. Secretary General to both the Greek and Turkish Cypriots provides for a minority veto government, in both the executive and legislative branches, and does not address the fundamental issues calling for immediate removal from Cyprus of the estimated 35,000 illegal occupation forces, which have been recently increased in numbers and quality of U.S.-supplied weapons, and 60,000 illegal colonists; and does not provide international guarantees for a just and final settlement, nor guarantees for all Cypriots concerning the three freedoms: the right to movement, settlement, and ownership of property anywhere in Cyprus; and **WHEREAS**, after the recent decision by Western defense ministers to incorporate the Greek island of Limnos into NATO's strategic war plans, the government of Turkey made threats as to its illegal claims regarding the Aegean Sea and military threats in Cyprus, thus increasing the already seriously strained political atmosphere in the Eastern Mediterranean; and

**WHEREAS**, Turkey is maintaining and expanding the "Army of the Aegean," consisting of 140,000 men, 140 amphibious assault vehicles, and the Turkish army's entire parachute contingent, all of which are equipped by the U.S. and were intended for defense against the Soviet Union, but in fact are designed for aggression against the sovereign territory of Greece in the Aegean; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prime Minister of Turkey, Turgut Ozal, became the first Turkish prime minister to visit the "legally invalid" and internationally condemned pseudo-state set up by Turkey in 1983 in the occupied area of Cyprus, a visit condemned by the United Nations and the international community, and characterized as "quite unwise" by Assistant Secretary of State Rozanne Ridgeway; and the Turkish military commander of the occupied territory stated that the only way to settle the Cyprus dispute is to move the Attila Border in Cyprus to the southern shores, and Ozal previously stated that if the Greeks continue their argument in the Aegean, they should be reminded that in a Greek-Turkish war Greece will be at the disadvantage because "we are 52 million and growing and the Greeks are only 9 million;" and

**WHEREAS**, Turkey has been condemned and criticized by the European Commission on Human Rights of the Council of

Europe for its human rights violations in Turkey and Cyprus; and **WHEREAS**, the strategic position of Greece is the keystone to the defense of the Eastern Mediterranean, and indispensable to the operations of the U.S. Sixth Fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, Turkey, during the 1973 Middle East war, openly and actively *collaborated* with the *Soviet Union* by allowing Moscow direct overflight and overland rights to Syria in its war against Israel, after refusing overflight requests from the United States to support Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, Turkey allowed direct overflight rights for Soviet military transport capabilities during the peak months (1977-1978) of the conflict in Ethiopia, eventually won by the insurgents who established a Marxist regime; and

**WHEREAS**, the government of Cyprus in 1983, 1984, and 1985 fully cooperated in providing the United States with assistance following the tragic attack against our marines in Beirut, the bombing of our Embassy in Beirut, and the hijacking of the TWA airliner and tacitly approved that the Delta Force could land in Cyprus for action, if necessary, against the terrorists in Beirut, while Turkey refused any assistance on each occasion; and

**WHEREAS**, Turkey has allowed to date three Soviet aircraft carriers, the *Kiev*, the *Novorosiisk*, and the *Moskva*, with more expected, passage rights into the Mediterranean in clear violation of the Montreaux Convention of 1936; and

**WHEREAS**, Amnesty International has reported massive violations of human rights in Turkey under the military government of President Kenan Evren; and

**WHEREAS**, Turkey is in violation of the Helsinki Final Act; and **WHEREAS**, the National Council of Churches has condemned Turkey's continuing harassment of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul; and

**WHEREAS**, because Turkey's interests do not coincide with those of NATO during a crisis situation (assisting Moscow during the 1973 Middle East war and Ethiopia in 1977-78), Turkey does not have a constructive role to play in the Western Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, fundamental of U.S. democracy is the constitutional principle of one person, one vote; and

**WHEREAS**, certain provisions of the 1959-1960 London-Zurich Agreements did not conform with the principle of one person, one vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.N. Secretary General's framework for a Cyprus also does not conform with the principle of one person, one vote;

**Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved** that, in the interests of the United States both at home and abroad, including national security considerations, the President and our elected Congressmen and Senators be urged:

1. *Regarding Cyprus*: to vote that aid to Turkey be specifically conditioned on:

- a. the withdrawal of all Turkish military forces from Cyprus and compliance by Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots to the rule of law and constitutional arrangements based on the universally-accepted principle of majority rule with full minority rights guaranteed;
- b. the immediate return of Famagusta/Varosha and Morphou to the Republic of Cyprus under U.N. auspices for the immediate resettlement of the refugees;



- This area should be specifically delineated as that inhabited by Greek Cypriots prior to Turkey's invasion of 1974;
- c. the withdrawal of Turkish colonists from Cyprus;
  - d. Turkey's compliance with U.N. Security Council Resolutions 541 and 550 calling for the withdrawal of recognition of the so-called "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus;"
  - e. full cooperation with the International Red Cross to determine the fate of the five missing Americans and the 1,614 missing Greek Cypriots;
  - f. Turkey is taking steps, including good faith support for, and participation in, talks conducted under U.N. auspices, to achieve a settlement regarding the conflict on Cyprus based on U.N. resolutions and internationally-recognized principles of majority rule with full minority rights guaranteed;
  - g. our government, in its own self-interest, support and take action to achieve a Cyprus solution based on the principle of one person, one vote;
2. *Regarding the Aegean:* to vote that aid to Turkey be specifically conditioned on:
- a. renunciation by Turkey of its illegal claims in the Aegean;
  - b. adherence by Turkey to the Montreaux Convention of 1936 regarding the militarization of Limnos;
  - c. agreement by Turkey to transfer the "Army of the Aegean" to an operational status along the Soviet border;
3. *Regarding foreign aid levels:*
- a. continue to provide aid to Greece and Turkey at the ratio

of 7:10 as well as the same concessional terms, including grants, and provide that the 7:10 ratio apply to economic as well as military aid, and consider that the ratio be 1:1 as an added deterrent to potential aggression by Turkey against Greece;

- b. vote to maintain the level of humanitarian aid for Cyprus at \$15 million, at least as long as Turkish troops remain on Cyprus;

4. *Call for a critical review and reassessment of the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship:*

- a. to acknowledge the actual lack of contribution of Turkey to the deterrent capabilities of the Western Alliance;
- b. to determine the damage that Turkey inflicts to the Western Alliance with its aggression on Cyprus and with its illegal demands in the Aegean Sea; and
- c. to consider the suspension of the United States economic and military aid to Turkey in view of Turkey's detrimental acts regarding the proper functioning of the Western Alliance.

*Be it further resolved* that a copy of this Resolution, adopted by the Order of AHEPA at the 64th Supreme Convention, Miami Beach, Florida, August 10-16, 1986, be sent to the President, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, to the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Treasury, and to the National Security Advisor to the President.

## Plumides: Cyprus aid cuts send negative signal

In late August Supreme President John G. Plumides appealed to President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz to withdraw the State Department's proposed \$12 million cut in U.S. aid to Cyprus.

In his letters Plumides said that the proposed aid cut "sends a very negative signal to the people of Cyprus" and undercuts the efforts of the U.N. Secretary General to seek a negotiated settlement." Plumides continued that "such a severe cut in economic support funds will be interpreted by

the intransigent party in the negotiation, Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots, as a lessening of American interest in a solution."

Plumides concluded by stating AHEPA's belief that "if the level of foreign aid must be reduced to meet the budget deficit reduction levels mandated by recent legislation, it should be cut from Turkey, which uses its military and economic aid to continue its occupation of 40% of the Republic of Cyprus."

A similar letter was sent by the AHEPA

President to all members of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Since his recent election as Supreme President, Plumides has embarked on a policy of providing "a more visible and continuous thrust" to the AHEPA's efforts for Cyprus and Greece. He appointed Michael Savvides, of Virginia Beach, VA, as chairman of the AHEPA Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee. The committee held its first meeting in St. Louis, MO, on September 7.

## AHEPA asks for Koch retraction

AHEPA President John G. Plumides has written to New York City Mayor Ed Koch asking that the Mayor immediately retract an article he published in the *New York Post* on September 17, titled "A Modern Greek Tragedy."

Plumides wrote that he considers the article "both erroneous and extremely offensive to the people of Greece and the Greek American community. I was particularly stunned by the article since you have always been—and still are—a true friend of our community and philhellene."

Concerning the Truman Statue in Athens,

erected by the AHEPA in 1963, Plumides noted that the Greek Ambassador to the United States "has informed us that the government is arranging for the statue to be repaired after which it will be placed in a safe and prominent place. The Greek Foreign Minister has also extended an invitation to AHEPA representatives to go to Greece for consultations on this latter point."

Regarding the decision of the Athens City not to re-erect the statue in its original site, the AHEPA President said he found the decision "regrettable". "However," he pointed out to Mayor Koch, "city govern-

ments do have some jurisdiction in local matters; as a mayor, you should know that. And, while I am disappointed that the matter has not been resolved as promptly as we expected—a sentiment which I conveyed to Prime Minister Papandreou in a personal letter just a few days ago—I have no reason to doubt the sincerity of his commitment."

Plumides also responded to the Mayor accusation's concerning anti-Semitism in Greece, the safety of the Athens airport, the status of democracy in Greece, and Greece's suffering during World War II.



# Family Album

## District #2

MIAMI, FL...Miami Chapter #23 recently hosted an "Honor Thy Brother" awards dinner where 23 past chapter presidents were presented with special plaques in recognition of their dedicated service. Service pins were also presented.

The banquet committee was chaired by Past District Governor Anthony M. Callesis; other committee members included John Prokos, Tom J. Poulos, and George Heropoulos.

## District #3

BALTIMORE, MD...More than 120 local Ahepans and their families were treated to an old fashioned crab feast recently by Worthington Chapter #30. The feast was held at the home of Brother Mike Karavasilis who extended his hospitality to his fellow chapter members during a memorable summer afternoon.

## District #4



COATESVILLE, PA...Two new chapters were added to the AHEPA Family this year, due to the efforts and support of Chester County Chapter #484. Daughters District Governor Diane Zumas and Sons Supreme Vice President George Kaloudis were among the national and district officers who turned up for the separate officers' installations of the newly-established Daughters of Penelope and Sons of Pericles chapters. Several of the Sons charter members are pictured above.

The Chester County Ahepans also recently pledged \$2,000 to the District #4 Scholarship Fund and gave out two \$350 awards to Maria Stavropoulos and Melissa Kraras through the chapter's own scholarship fund. The chapter also donated \$650 to the "Vasilakis Fund" set up to assist a young Greek boy obtain a liver transplant; a donation was also made to the Deborah Heart & Lung Center in Browns Mills, NJ.

## District #5

PATERSON, NJ...A "Wildwood Weekend" held in October was one of the first special events planned for this year by Alexander Hamilton Chapter #54. The chapter's newly-elected officers are: George P. Pappas, president; George N. Petrakakis, vice president; Savas Veros, secretary; and Gregory A. Anastos, treasurer.

DOVER, NJ...Morris County Chapter #300 kicked off their fundraising efforts for an "AHEPA Home" with a dinner dance at the Zeris Inn in Mt. Lakes, NJ, recently. The evening's entertainment was provided by Sofia Kotiri, a singer flown from Greece for the occasion, with a backup orchestra featuring Jim Haralambopoulos on the clarinet and Bill Pappastanasopoulos on the guitar and bouzouki.

Serving the chapter this year will be: John Borzeka, president; Paul Dermatis, vice president; Michael Borzeka, secretary; and, Bill Protogeropoulos, treasurer.



TOMS RIVER, NJ...More than 500 Ahepans and friends witnessed presentation of the District #5 Periclean Award to Congressman James J. Florio during the Garden State

District's annual convention, hosted by Ocean County Chapter #467. Pictured above are then Supreme Vice-President Charles Georgeson, Congressman Florio, and Costas P. Sidereas, the out-going district governor.

Elected to serve on the District #5 Lodge were: Ernest Tsaptsinos, governor; John A. Mehos, lt. governor; Julian (Woody) West, secretary; Ed Laskeris, treasurer; Costas P. Sidereas, athletic director; Nicholas Skopelitis, marshal; and, Chris W. Anagnost, warden.

## District #6



SYRACUSE, NY...Then Supreme President George Gabriel and Syracuse, NY, Mayor Thomas Young were among the dignitaries that attended the Syracuse Chapter #37 annual Father and Son banquet this summer. Life member James Bizones was honored during the banquet and Gabriel (right) presented an AHEPA Community Service Award to Nicholas Jovan (left) for his contributions to the Boys Club of America. Mayor Young, a member of AHEPA, also issued a special proclamation declaring "AHEPA Day" in Syracuse.

MASPETH, NY...Past District Governor Angelo Petromelis, a commissioner of the New York Crime Victims Compensation Board, was the main speaker at the installation for the newly-elected officers of James Karabatos Chapter #403, held recently. Serving the chapter this year will be president Peter N. Chahales, locality mayor of Maspeth; Michael Pavlides, vice president; Robert Telleria, secretary; and, treasurer Dimitrios Markopoulos.



WHITESTONE, NY...Parthenon Chapter #495 hosted a luncheon for members and friends at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church as part of the chapter's AHEPA Day celebrations this spring. The chapter's guests included State Senator Leonard Staviski, Assemblyman J. Hillman, city council representatives, and Past Supreme Governor Andrew Stamboulides, a founding member of the chapter.

HUNTINGTON, NY...Installation ceremonies for the new officers of Stephen Scopas Chapter #500 were held in September. Serving with President James Andreadis this year are vice president Nikolaos Bastakis, secretary Jeffrey Economou, and treasurer Charles Yeavasis. Plans are also being finalized for the chapter's annual dance on October 18 at the St. Paraskevi Church Hellenic Center in Greenlawn.

## District #7



RHODE ISLAND...District Governor Tom Nicolaou (right) presented the Periclean Award to Edward DiPrete (right), governor of the state of Rhode Island, recently on behalf of the members of the Yankee District. Governor DiPrete has been exemplary in his support of the Greek American community in Rhode Island.

NORWICH, CT...Norwich Chapter #110 will celebrate its 60th anniversary at a dinner-dance gala at the Holy Trinity Church community center on October 11. One of the chapter's ongoing projects, a fund drive for the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, has already raised more than \$140,000. The chapter kicked off this year's social events with its annual picnic early in September and members are already busy planning a joint Christmas party with Daughters Lysandros Chapter #181.

Outgoing president John Louziotis presented John Sakellaris with a 25-year service pin at the chapter's annual AHEPA Family awards and installations dinner. Serving the Norwich chapter this year will be Sotero Daniska, president; Charles Kostelos, vice president; Dean Sfikas, secretary; and Theodore Angelopoulos, treasurer. District Governor Esther Mitchell installed the newly-elected Daughters officers which include President Maria Constantinou, Vice President Lynn Petros, Secretary Kathleen Kostelos, and Treasurer June Angelopoulos.

## District #8



BROOKLINE, MA...A luncheon was organized for the residents of Hellenic Home of Boston by the city's AHEPA Athens Chapter #24 recently. The luncheon, sponsored by the chapter's charitable foundation, has also pledged \$35,000 for a new conference room at the Home.

A \$3,300 contribution toward the conference room fund was made by foundation treasurer John Stratis at the Boston AHEPA Charitable & Educational Foundation's annual family dinner. A \$2,000 donation on behalf of the foundation was presented to Bess Pappas for the Hellenic Cardiac Fund; \$300 donations were also made to the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Burns Shriners Hospital.

Two \$1,000 scholarship awards were also presented to Michael Theodore of Jamaica Plains and Dean Jumes of Brookline by Athens Chapter #24. During the dinner, the establishment of a \$5,500 scholarship in memory of Past Supreme President George Demeter at the Boston Latin School was also announced. Other presentations included a \$5,000 donation to the AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation. Also attending the dinner was the then Supreme Vice President, Charles Georgeson.

Pictured at the luncheon are, left to right, Michael Vrotsos, foundation secretary; Charles Doulos and Strati Christodoulidis, owners of the restaurant where the luncheon was held; John Stratis, foundation treasurer, and Dean Demeter, foundation president.



WORCESTER, MA...Four service pins, two scholarships, and five membership pins were presented by George Jarvis Chapter #80 at a recent chapter dinner meeting. The then Supreme Vice-President, Charles Georgeson, presented life member John Bassios his 50-year pin, and 25-year pins to Steve Gatos, Nicholas Gicas, and Stavros Mihopoulos. Chapter president Spyridon Kaplanis (right) also presented Past President Angelo Tsefrekas (left) with a plaque for his outstanding service to the chapter.

Harry Tembenis and Thomas Kaplanes each received a \$500 award from scholarship committee chairman Tom Malitas. Supreme Vice President Charles Georgeson was principal speaker for the evening, which included presentation of membership pins to Evangelos Gatsios, Athanasios Kiritsis, Christos Konstantakis, Menas Vangos, and Emmanuel Mandelenakis.

MARLBORO, MA...Four new members were initiated into Nicholas Granitsas Chapter #105 by a degree team led by Past President James Exarhopoulos. The new members are Anthony Roumas, Paul McGinn, Matthew Evangelous, and Mark Evangelous. A dinner followed the initiation ceremonies. The chapter also held its annual picnic on June 29.

## District #9

ROCKPORT, ME...Highlighting the 53rd annual District #9 convention was the presentation of more than \$2,500 in scholarship awards to deserving young students. George Scouras of Portsmouth, NH, received a \$750 AHEPA scholarship to pursue his studies in electrical engineering at the University of New Hampshire this fall. Two additional AHEPA awards for \$450 and \$350 were presented to Stephanie Stergiou of Manchester, NH, and Julie Ann Mavo-



done of Westbrook, ME, respectively; Stephanie is attending Bates College and Julie Ann is studying secondary education at the University of Maine at Farmington.

The recipient of the Daughters "Effie D. Plastiras" Memorial Scholarship was Eleni Randos, who plans to study biology at the University of Vermont. The Daughters also presented a \$250 award to Anna Dongas of Manchester, NH. Christina Kouchalakos of Nashua, NH, and Scot Alan Neri of Tilton, NH, each received \$250 AHEPA awards.

The District #9 AHEPA Family Scholarship Fund is supported by funds raised by the district and its chapters; serving as co-chairs of the committee are John T. Pappas of Nashua, NH, and Nancy L. Trudeau of Rochester, NH.

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## District #10

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STERLING HEIGHTS, MI...A new chapter has been added to the rosters of the Automotive District this year, Aegean Chapter #506. District Governor George D. Papageorgiou (right) was one of the dignitaries on hand to help the chapter organizer, Harry Pilitis (left), and the new chapter's members celebrate the chapter's first birthday. Serving as chapter president this year will be Joseph Kessel.

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## District #11

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CLEVELAND, OH...Restaurateur Al Maharas was presented with the Socratic Award by Cleveland Chapter #36 at their 21st annual scholarship banquet, in recognition of his support and contributions to the scholarship fund. The presentation was made by Judge

John M. Manos who was instrumental in establishing the scholarship program. The Cleveland Chapter has presented over \$100,000 in scholarships to more than 100 high school seniors since its inception.

During the banquet eight scholarships were presented. This year's recipients were: Sophia Catherine Theophylactos, John Athanasios Voulgaris, William Christ Pappouras, John Peter Cashy, Mike Kefentaris, Maria Verikakis, Michael Anthony Sarris, and Andreas Lee Fisher.

Past chapter president Lou Tsipis, the executive director of the Metro Park Systems of Greater Cleveland, also hosted a dinner and a preview tour of the new Cleveland Zoo Aquarium, following the installation of the chapter's new officers.

Serving for the coming year will be (pictured from left to right): Dimitri Kotzamanis, treasurer; Pete Elliott, secretary; Alex Rokakis, president; Steve Louzos, vice president; and George Loucas, assistant secretary.

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## District #13

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MILWAUKEE, WI...Andy Metropoulos (above), past president of Milwaukee Chapter #43, was presented with the "Ahepan of the Year" award. Service pins for 50-years of membership were also presented to John Jonides and Louis Krikellas.

CHICAGO, IL...Dr. Theodosios Kioutas was elected the new president of Chicago Chapter #46 at a recent chapter meeting; also elected were vice president Stavros Kontoyiannis, secretary Peter Loumos, and treasurer Elias Kontylis.

The chapter also voted to donate \$1,200 to a modern Greek studies program in memory of the chapter's first president, William Russis. Past District Governor Basil Elias contributed \$1,000 toward this fund.



CHICAGO, IL...Representatives from the AHEPA, Daughters, Sons, and Maids chapters from throughout the Blue Ribbon District participated in a regional workshop (pictured above) recently hosted by Garfield Chapter #203 and Daughters Homer Chapter #98 at the Assumption Church recently.

The workshop was attended by various AHEPA Family dignitaries, such as members of the then Supreme and Grand Lodges, including Supreme President George Gabriel, Supreme Vice President Charles Georgeson, Grand President Lillian Demitry, and Grand Governor Vassie Lageotakes.



SOUTH CHICAGO, IL...Chapter #351 "Ahepan of the Year" Lewis Pazoles (front row, right), Past President Mike Bahaveolos (center), and Past District Governor Peter Chimoures were honored at a special dinner by the members of South Chicago Chapter #351. The evening's speakers included then Supreme President George P. Gabriel.

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## District #20

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FRESNO, CA...Outgoing chapter presidents Chris E. Rockas and Dr. Helen Rockas (above) were honored at the Fresno AHEPA



Family's Past Presidents/Friend of the Helenes annual dinner last spring. More than 125 Ahepans and Daughters turned out for this gala event, which included the presentation of the "Man of the Year" award to Andrew Mastoras and 25-year pins to Dr. Harry Chambas, Nicholas Chrest, and John LaBritt. Merit awards were also presented to John Lignos, Bill Booras, Andrew Mastoras, and Esther Beck.

Supreme Governor C. Peter Stath, Grand Governor Irene Margelos, Past Grand President Emily Tamaras, members of the District #20 and District #21 lodges, and Greek Consul General Dimis Vassilakis were among the dignitaries attending the banquet. Sophia Booras, Sophie Nicolaou, Andrew Kosieris, and John Lignos, served as chairpersons for the event.

## District #21

SAN FRANCISCO, CA...Golden Gate Chapter #150 kicked off the year with a steak picnic at Paradise Park in Marin County on September 14. The chapter is currently busy finalizing plans for a testimonial dinner for Judge Lee S. Vavuris on October 11 at the Annunciation Cathedral auditorium. The dinner will benefit the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center.

Chapter president James Dariotes also reports that plans are progressing smoothly for the San Francisco AHEPA Family fall conference on October 26.

## District #23



TORONTO, ON...The presentation of the Periclean Award to the Premier of Ontario, David Petersen (left), marked the opening of the district's 51st annual convention. The award, which includes a hand-lettered certificate and bronze bust, was presented by the then Supreme Vice President of Canada Dimi Bonnis (center) and Peter Anas, currently serving in that position.

## Obituaries

Funeral services were held recently for Past Supreme Governor **William C. Karnaze**. A 41-year member of Sunflower Chapter #372, Kansas City, MO, he was the chapter's first president and a Past District #15 Governor. A graduate of the University of Kansas who served in the Army Air Force during World War II, Brother Karnaze, from 1956-1971 he was a part-time prosecutor in Kansas City, KS, and a deputy trial attorney from 1971-1976.

Active in local political and civic affairs, he helped organized the Greek American Political Club of Kansas and was an honorary fellow of the Truman Library Institute. He is survived by his wife, Roberta, six children, and eight grandchildren.

**Tom P. Caplanis**, the last surviving charter member Chapter #13, Tulsa, OK, died recently. An Ahepan for 62 years, he had the longest tenure of service in District #15 history.

Brother Caplanis was born in Greece and came to the U.S. at the age of fifteen. A successful restaurateur and retail merchant, he was a member of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and an honorary deputy sheriff for Tulsa County. Brother Caplanis is survived by his wife, Aglaia, and three daughters.

Past Supreme Governor **Socrates P. Zolotas** of Burlington, VT, died earlier this year. He had served as North East Regional Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration & Naturali-

zation Service and was a special assistant to the National Commissioner in Washington, DC, from 1975-1977. He also served as deputy director of the Heritage Division of the Republican National Committee in Washington and headed the Ethnic Division of an inaugural committee.

Born in New York City in 1913, Brother Zolotas was a member of Rutland Chapter #244 and served in numerous chapter, district and national offices, including district governor, Supreme Governor, and as a member of the Supreme Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, Constance, two children, and two grandchildren.

One of the founders of Chicago Chapter #46 and a leading member of Chicago's Greek American community **William H. Russis**, 91, died recently. Born in the Greek province of Argolis, he immigrated to the U.S. in 1912 at the age of 17. He enlisted in the U.S. army during World War I and later received a Master's degree at the University of Oregon.

An authority on Byzantine and Greek history, during World War II Russis worked for the Office of Price Administration and also served with the U.N. Relief & Rehabilitation Administration in Greece from 1944-1946. A writer and contributing editor to several Chicago-based Greek American publications, he was also an active member of the Modern Greek Studies Association. He is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

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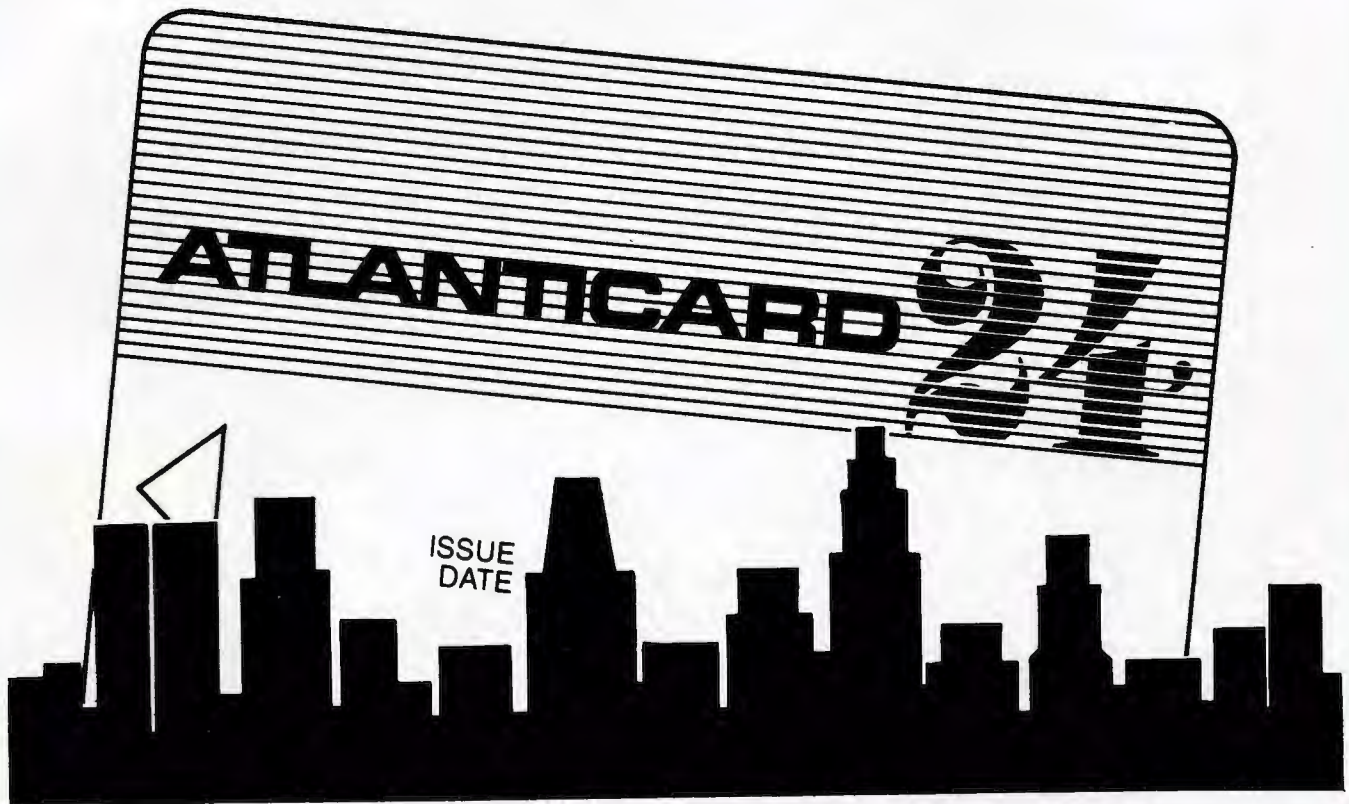
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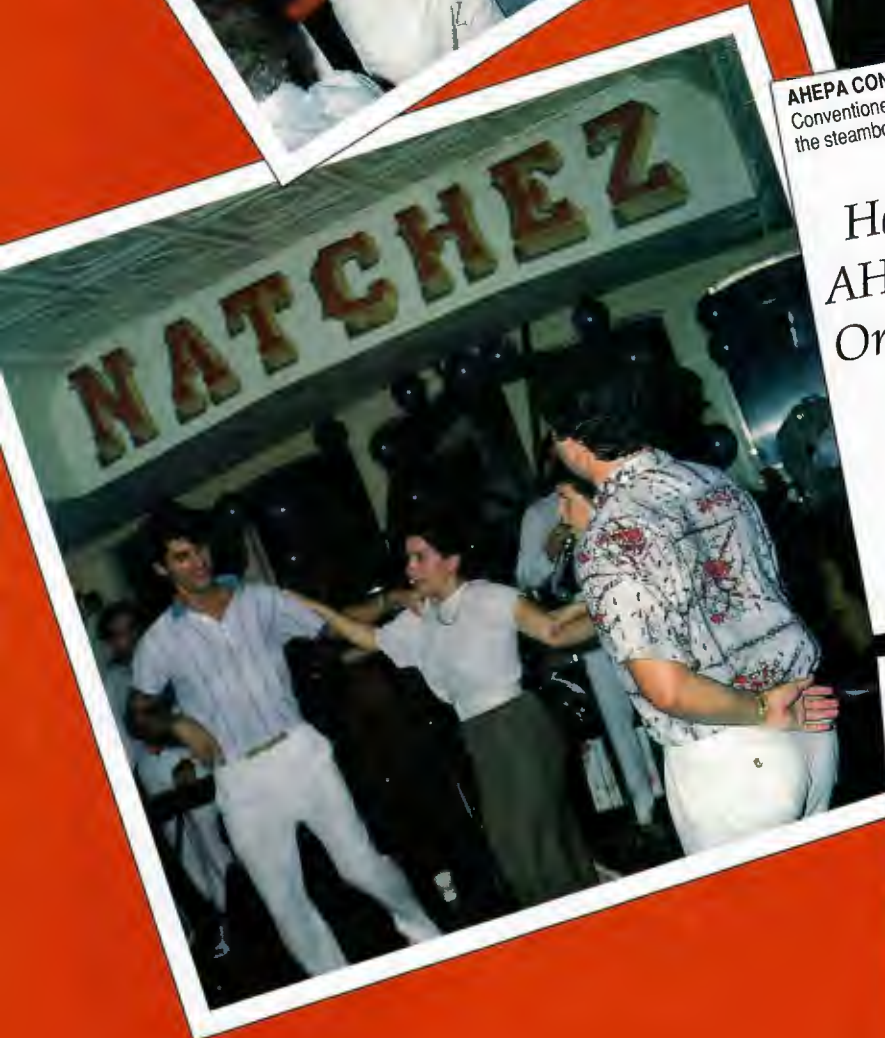


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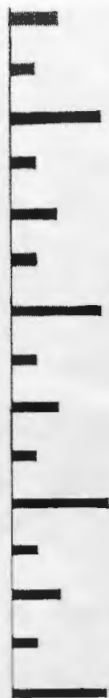
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On our cover: Scenes from the 65th AHEPA Supreme Convention in New Orleans, LA. Clockwise: Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts receives a warm welcome at the AHEPA Athletic Awards Luncheon; Georgiean Tarabicos, outgoing Grand President of the Maids of Athena, installed the newly elected Maids Grand Lodge officers; conventioners set off down the Mississippi River in high spirits for an unforgettable *glendi* aboard the steamboat *Natchez*.

Cover design by Judy Byron; photographs by Wally Porter.



# Headquarters News

## Strike elected Supreme President



A native of Salt Lake City, UT, Nicholas L. Strike has been a lifelong Ahepan. After holding several offices on the chapter and district level, he served as chairman of the Supreme Board of Trustees, as Supreme Secretary, and Supreme Vice President. Currently a general partner of N. Strike Investment Company, he is a director of several firms, including Midway Investment, Gump & Ayers Real Estate, and Magna Investment & Development. A past Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles and firm supporter of the AHEPA auxiliaries, he served as chairman of the Sons National Advisory Board for three years.

Strike was the 1972 Republican Utah gubernatorial candidate, and has served as president of the World Trade Association and president of the Utah Manufacturers Association. He is the father of four children: Eileen Strike Preonas, Cynthia Strike Petrow, Pam, and Louis, also a past Supreme President of the Sons.

His dedication to the AHEPA Family and its programs recently prompted him to create a \$50,000 endowment fund to support several AHEPA philanthropic programs. "Ever since the days when I was a member of the Sons, my family was deeply involved in the AHEPA," said Supreme President Strike, when he announced the donation made on behalf of the Strike family. Beginning in 1987, the Strike family will make five annual contributions of \$10,000. This year, \$4,000 was earmarked for the AHEPA Educational Foundation, \$3,000 to the AHEPA athletic fund, and \$3,000 to the Sons of Pericles Scholarship Fund.

## Congressional Banquet Set for March 7

The 28th Biennial Congressional Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Washington on March 7, 1988, announced Supreme President Nicholas L. Strike. The AHEPA banquet, which honors the institution of Congress, is one of the most prestigious events in the Greek American community and has featured such prominent citizens as Presidents Ford and Carter, entertainer and philanthropist Bob Hope, Attorney General Edwin Meese, and members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Activities held during the weekend of the Congressional Banquet include the Daughters of Penelope Salute to Women and the Sons & Maids Youth Salute which, in recent years, have honored outstanding members of the community such as Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Special Olympics Director Sargent Shriver, broadcaster Ike Pappas, actress Betty White, and Radcliffe President Matina Horner.

## Truman Statue Re-erected in Athens

Supreme President John G. Plumides announced his "complete satisfaction" with the Greek government's action on August 5 re-erecting the Truman Statue at its original location.

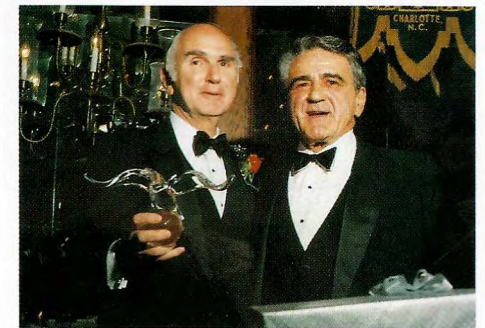
"This action enhances relations between the Government of Greece and Greek Americans," Plumides said, "and is an important step in the process of improving relations between the United States and Greece."

The AHEPA President traveled to Athens in early July and met with a number of Greek Government officials concerning the Truman Statue, including Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and officials of the Foreign Ministry. He also held a number of very

positive conferences with Athens Mayor Miltiades Evert.

"After my return from Greece I received a personal communication from the Prime Minister assuring me that the Truman Statue would be re-erected by August 6, and I am pleased that the government has followed through on that promise," Plumides added.

## AHEPA Family Turns Out for Plumides testimonial



Supreme Vice President Nicholas Strike (right) presented Supreme President Plumides with a gift from the Supreme Lodge.

Over 400 Ahepans and friends turned out at the Adams Mark Hotel in Charlotte, NC, at a testimonial dinner for Supreme President John G. Plumides last May.

Among the dignitaries attending the banquet were members of the AHEPA Supreme Lodge and Board of Directors, Daughters Grand President Felicia Papuchis, Sons Supreme President George Kaloudis, Maids Grand President Georgiean Tarabicos, Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, Senator Terry Sanford of North Carolina, Congressman Alex McMillan of North Carolina, Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt, Greek Ambassador George Papoulias, and Cypriot Ambassador Andreas Jacovides.



## Cooley's Anemia

Stephen, S. Scopas, chairman of the AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation, thanked the members of the AHEPA Family for their support of the foundation's spring fundraising and educational drive. Last year the months of May and June were designated "Cooley's Anemia months" for the AHEPA Family, and hundreds of chapters across the domain sponsored special fundraisers, screenings, and lectures in their communities.

The Foundation would like to thank the following members and chapters for their contributions: District #6, \$1,000; Daughters Artemis Chapter #153, Sacramento, CA, \$400; Daughters Panope Chapter #162, Las Vegas, NV, \$298; Richard Coukouma, Blue Grass, VA, \$15; Harry and Agapi Eliades, Las Vegas, NV, \$50; Pat and Dennis Kountanis, Las Vegas, NV, \$25; Christine Janis Gianas, Las Vegas, NV, \$5; Heartland Chapter #444, El Cajon, CA, \$150; \$100 in memory of Nick Soter from Nick and Betty Komons, Potomac, MD; Daughters Zypher Chapter #259, Orange, NJ, \$100; Daughters Pallas Athena Chapter #276, Weirton, WV, \$50; and, Daughters Semale Chapter #256, Wheeling, WV, \$50.

One of the most successful and memorable events held this spring was a dance hosted by Tarpon Springs Chapter #16, featuring the Omega Project. The dance raised over \$1,500 for the AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation. Additional donations and monies raised through by the Omega Project through record sales were from: John and Edith Mitchell, Tampa, FL, \$20; George and Fifi Marcus, Tampa, FL, \$10; Rockne Holmes, Tampa, FL, \$30; Dr. Lelia Sterescu, Tampa, FL, \$5; Rockne and Kathleen Holmes, Tampa, FL, \$10; Speros and Eleanor Georgiou, Tampa, FL, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Limberopoulos, Tampa, FL, \$10; Mary and Stanley Evdemon, Tampa, FL, \$10; Peter Kourmolis, Tampa, FL, \$10; and, Andrew and Maria Fellios, Tampa, FL, \$10.

## Letters to the editor

*Dear Editor:*

*Bill Chirgotis' editorial blasting Premier Papandreou is entirely inappropriate for the Ahepan. Even though it is presented as a "personal view," it conveys the strong impression that AHEPA endorses this stand. It is hardly likely that you will carry a pro-Papandreou editorial in the next issue.*

*The editorial angers those who like Papandreou, decreases the cohesiveness of the Order, and risks loss of members. There was nothing to be gained by publishing it.*

*AHEPA should never take sides in the politics of Greece. It is your responsibility as editor to make sure that this policy is enforced in **The Ahepan**.*

*Do not forget that the Greek people through two elections made Papandreou their leader. No one is going to be influenced by Mr. Chirgotis' simplistic statements that one man is responsible for the problems in U.S.-Greek relations and Greek-Turkish relations. Andreas Papandreou is probably held in higher esteem in world opinion today than Ronald Reagan is.*

*Sincerely,*  
**Philip Anast**  
**Spokane, WA**

*Dear Editor:*

*I am proud to have been one of the participants on the 1987 Journey to Greece.*

*I have always blown off my Greek heritage and found it to be shameful. I would always avoid any sort of Greek affair, and when I was forced to attend one I would mock it and make the worst of it. I would avoid Greek people like the plague.*

*The Journey to Greece opened many new doors for me. I attend Greek affairs now, with a smile a mile long and I am teaching myself to speak Greek. Now, being a Greek is very special and important to me.*

*Next summer I will be 20 years old, but I am going to try to go on the 1988 Journey. This year's trip opened doors for me and made me discover my heritage; the 1988 Journey will acquaint me better with my heritage.*

*Sincerely,*  
**Anastasia Vournas**

*Dear Editor*

*I received the Winter 1986/87 Ahepan and believe it is one of the best issues in some time. I would like to congratulate you on a job well-done. It covers so much but I was touched and angered by article on Cyprus by Patroclus Stavrourou. I also believe Supreme President Plumides' trip will iron out some of the misunderstandings and pave the way for a healthy tourist year in Greece. The conference in Cyprus should also bear fruit, because after 13 years not enough has been done for our brothers and sisters in Cyprus.*

*Articles in Greek in the Ahepan would also make the publication more interesting. You have a big job and if it is well done, AHEPA will grow and be informed at the same time.*

*Fraternally,*  
**Demetrios Paraskevaides**  
**Bronx, NY**



# Norwich housing committed, Indianapolis units dedicated

During the summer the AHEPA National Housing Corporation continued to add housing units to its national senior citizen housing network, with the dedication of the second phase of its complex in Indianapolis, IN. The corporation also received word that AHEPA 110 Inc., a corporation co-sponsored by the national housing corporation and AHEPA Chapter #110 in Norwich, CT, has received a commitment from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the construction of 50 units.

The HUD loan to AHEPA #110 Inc. exceeds \$2.8 million, and in addition to the loan, an annual rent subsidy of \$259,000 was also granted to the Norwich group.

The complex will be located on six acres of well-suited land that AHEPA 110 Inc. has purchased on Hamilton Avenue in Norwich. Construction will begin in the spring, with completion expected one year later.

The Norwich project will be a 3-story brick structure, with an elevator, a 1,000 sq. foot community and a 1,000 sq. foot chapter room. Of the 50 units there will be 10 efficiencies and 40 one-bedroom apartments. Four of the units will be equipped with features for the handicapped.

Board members of the non-profit corporation are Tony Petros, Sotero Daniska, Ernest Pool, George Maistrelis,



Leo Lamberson, a Past Supreme President and resident of the Indianapolis AHEPA complex addressed the dedication ceremonies. Indianapolis photos by Kirles.

Frixon Boulas, James Christidolous, Charles Kostelos, James Kostelos, John Louziotis, Charles Pappas, and Dean Sfikas. John Melonopoulos, a member of the national housing corporation, is executive vice president of AHEPA 110 Inc., and the project's architect is Ahepan Peter Argiros.

## Indianapolis dedication

The second phase of the Indianapolis AHEPA senior citizen apartment complex was dedicated on July 11 and speakers included John Krauss, Deputy Mayor of Indianapolis; Past Supreme Presidents Leo Lamberson, Peter Cardiges, and Nick Smyrnis; Alexander Kaloyanides, president of AHEPA 232 Apartments; and, Daughters of Penelope Grand President Felicia Papuchis.

The complex was dedicated to the Daughters chapter in Indianapolis, Laertes Chapter #212, and the new building includes a chapter meeting room for the Daughters. Daughters



At the ribbon-cutting ceremonies in Indianapolis are (left to right): Alexander Kaloyanides, president of AHEPA 232 Inc. (in background), Laertes Chapter President Helen Toreny, Grand President Felicia Papuchis, HUD Director Martha Lamkin, and Father Harry Apostolakis.

Chairwomen Aglaia Kirles and Angela Americanos hosted a buffet luncheon for the more than 200 persons attending the ceremonies.

All of the apartments were leased out leased out within one afternoon after the building's completion, noted Paul Presnoples, manager of the entire senior citizen center, which now totals 122 units.

## Regional meetings

The national housing corporation is hosting regional seminars for Ahepans interested in learning more about applying for HUD funds. The first seminar will be held in St. Louis, MO, on October 17; while the second will be in Hartford, CT, in November.

For more information contact AHEPA Headquarters.



A drawing of the proposed Norwich, Ct, housing

PETER W. ARGIOS, ARCHITECT, A.T.A.

AHEPA 110 INC. ELDERLY HOUSING APARTMENTS



## *AHEPA Family Meets, Dances, and Competes at New Orleans Convention*

*The greatest annual gathering of North Americans of Hellenic heritage--the AHEPA Supreme Convention--concluded its 65th gathering in New Orleans, LA, with the election of Nicholas L. Strike as Supreme President.*

*The convention, which was attended by the largest number of AHEPA Family delegates in the 65-year history of the organization, officially opened on Sunday, August 16, and ended on Friday, August 20, with the installation of the new Supreme Lodge.*

*Also elected as AHEPA Family Presidents were: Daughters of Penelope Grand President, Kalliope Xenakis, Deerfield Beach, FL; Sons of Pericles Supreme President George Ioannidis, Saginaw, MI; and Maids of Athena Grand President Kathy Kallas, Hammond, IN.*



*Counterclockwise from top: Athletic Awards Luncheon toastmaster Patrick Booras; Supreme President John G. Plumides; Illinois State Senator Adeline Geo-Karis; outgoing Daughters Grand President Felicia Papuchis installing newly elected Grand President Xenakis.*







AHEPA CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS: A Marine Color Guard presents the colors at the convention opening.



## *Marine Color Guard, Archbishop Iakovos, Congresswoman Boggs, and New Orleans Mayor attend official opening.*

The convention officially began on Sunday, August 16, with opening ceremonies addressed by New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy, Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, Archbishop Iakovos, and AHEPA Family leaders.

Conventioners were welcomed to New Orleans by Convention General Co-chairmen Jimmie Menutis and Dr. Steve G. Kirkikis. Mayor Barthelemy spoke of the great cultural diversity existing in the city, and of the contributions to the diversity made by the Hellenic community of the city.

Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, who represents the Second Congressional District in Louisiana, where the Hyatt Regency is located, said that she had "the distinct honor of having been the recipient once of your Biennial Salute to Women Award given by the Daughters of Penelope and I treasure that award more than I could say. My husband, who was very, very fond of your organization, and tried to attend every meeting of it he possibly could, would be very pleased today to see all of you in New Orleans. And I am so pleased to see you, as well."

The Congresswomen continued that during her frequent visits to Greece, she had "learned to love the Greek people who live in Greece almost as much as I love the Greek-Americans. And that brings me to something that I've said many times. If only we could remember that the Greeks always have a word for it, we would have peace in our world; between the Alpha and the Omega, when you fill in the gaps you

get the word "love" and that is what AHEPA is about: love of humanity, love of custom, tradition, dedication to God, and it is just wonderful to have all of you here in New Orleans with us."

Supreme President John G. Plumides spoke at length about his recent trip to Greece and the Greek Government's decision to re-install the Truman Statue in Athens. He displayed photographs on the Truman Memorial with the statue in place, and stressed that the Greek prime minister had kept his word in returning the statue to its original condition. He said that his mission this year was "to bridge the gap between Greece and America. There is a cleavage between great allies and it is up to the AHEPA and the Greek Americans to change that." He ended by stressing the importance for Ahepans and all Greek Americans to get more involved in the American political process.

Business sessions began on Monday, and Gustav Coffinas, Brooklyn, NY, was elected convention chairman; Frank Manios, Warren, OH was elected vice-chairman. That evening conventioners danced at the Hellenic Festival to the tunes of "Tykie and the Grecian Keys".

On Tuesday, August 18, an AHEPA Educational Foundation lecture on "Hellenic Origins of the American Constitution" featured remarks by George Anastoplo, a professor of law at Loyola University. Prior to the lecture a film on the subject produced by the American Hellenic Alliance was screened.

Governor Michael Dukakis attended a reception hosted by "Ahepans for Brother Dukakis" that evening, which raised almost \$50,000 in donations for the Dukakis presidential campaign.



From left to right at the opening are AHEPA Supreme President John G. Plumides, Maids Grand President Georgiean Tarabicos, Archbishop Iakovos, Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, Sons President George Kaloudis, Antigone Karali-Dimitriadi, General Secretary for Greeks Abroad, and Daughters Grand President Felicia Papuchis.



## Archbishop Iakovos

New Orleans is the best place of Greek Orthodoxy in the United States. It was here that the first Greek Orthodox chapel was built in 1864. Mr. Mayor, you mentioned several ethnic groups in New Orleans, but there is one very strong bond which unites all of us, and that is democracy, which was introduced to America from Greece. There is another thing: liberty. Or the word *eleftheria*, which is a Greek concept. Before the word *eleftheria* was born in the world, what we called liberty was completely, totally unknown. What binds us together into one nation is the word "trinity" which, in essence, is unity. We call our God a triune God. And the reason why the first Orthodox chapel in New Orleans was called Holy Trinity is because we wanted to be one in diversity.

All the churches which were built at the turn of the last century were dedicated to the Holy Trinity--Holy Trinity here, Holy Trinity in New York, Holy Trinity in Chicago, Holy Trinity in Lowell, Holy Trinity in Holyoke, Holy Trinity in San Francisco.

Diversity is something which was also conceived by Greece. Greece was never a united nation. It was special, little states making up one which was called Hellas. I mention this to tell you that we feel at home here because New Orleans represents unity in diversity, and because New Orleans represents for us trinity and unity.

I would like to ask you, my beloved members of the AHEPA Family, that we should never abandon--even for a moment--the initials of your

Order. It is my request, not appeal, to be, live, act and fulfill all the responsibilities to which we are called by the word American. I would like to remind you that we are all of Hellenic origin. Hellenism is not a word. Hellenism is a reality, surviving all adversities and all hostile powers that conspired to destroy Hellenism in years and centuries past--therefore be proud of your heritage and stay united. Unity will give you additional strength.

Education: there is nothing to make us as proud as education. Education united all the ancient peoples into one family in Europe. One of our sages said that: "Greeks and Hellenes are all those who have been educated with the wisdom and culture of ancient Greece." We must leave no one illiterate, not only in our country but for all the world.

Progressive is another Greek word, *prodos*. *Prodos* means preparing and advancing along the way. We never accepted stagnation. And we never yielded ground to anyone. We would rather die than accept slavery.

We are an association and what makes us one family is that we believe in the same ideals, the same religious principles and precepts, and we shall ever continue to be a within the larger family, the American family. We shall never draw a line of distinction between our heritage, our culture and our present way of living, for we are dedicated to freedom, to dignity, to justice, and to democracy and we shall be that way forever.



New Orleans jazz was heard throughout convention week in the Hyatt's 27-story atrium (above). Delegates discussed the AHEPA's future at the business sessions (above right) while Sons' basketball teams battled it out for national titles (right).







AHEPA CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS:  
Presidential aspirant Dukakis receives a rousing welcome at the Athletic Luncheon.



## Dukakis holds audience spellbound at Awards Luncheon

More than 1,500 persons attended the Athletic Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, August 19, to witness the induction of three outstanding athletes—football great John Mellekas; Dr. George Poloynis, track & field; and Nick Rodis, an all-around athlete—into the AHEPA Hellenic Hall of Fame. (See p. 15)

Awards were also presented to high school, college, and professional level Greek American athletes, and the Daughters of Penelope presented the Zoe Cavalaris National Athletic Hellenic Women's Award to Penelope Dickos, a high-scoring college basketball player. A special presentation was made to Tom Poulos, one of the nation's outstanding amateur softball pitchers. (See p. 14)

Supreme Athletic Director Dr. Monte N. Kofos announced that former college footballers Plato Andros and Louis G. Manesiotis will be inducted into the Hall of Fame next year.

Governor Dukakis, the luncheon's keynote speaker, received a standing ovation for his remarks, which articulated how the Greek values of love of family and the pursuit of excellence were crucial to the success of these recipients as well as his own success...

The master of ceremonies was Patrick Booras of Shreveport, LA.

On Wednesday evening, the Riverboat Cruise was attended by more than 2,000 people, while hundreds of other conventioners visited New Orleans' famed French Quarter.

## Michael Dukakis

You make so many speeches and do so much traveling as you run for the highest honor in the land, that it is a very special treat and a privilege for me to be with you and have a chance to sit back for a few minutes and enjoy what for me is a very special moment, as I know it is for you. It reminds me of something that happened in our family many years ago when our children were still very young and when my youngest was trying to learn how to count in Greek. I was running her through her paces and she began, *ena, deo, tria, tesera, exi, epta, octo, enea, deka*, and I said, "Karo, you are skipping five. It is *pente, pente*." So she tried once again, *ena, deo, tria, tesera, exi*, and forgot it again and tried it two or three times. Finally, after four or five tries she ran through it: *ena, deo, tria, tesera, penta, exi*, and we all cheered and I turned to her and I said, "Good work, Kara, good work." And she said: "No, Daddy, you don't say 'good work,' you say 'bravo'." And I want to say bravo to all of our award winners.

I ran the marathon once, many, many years ago, so I am an athlete of sorts. I wasn't a star like our award winners. I remember Nick when I was just a youngster in elementary school and he was a star at Harvard, and John is a near neighbor. Although I don't remember Dr. Poloynis' fame coming East, I must say I am impressed with his records. I don't know how he did all that running and how he's won all those senior events, but as a guy who still tries to exercise, even on the campaign trail, I must say I am enormously impressed. One of the things that has struck me, particularly about these young athletes that we honor today, is that they are not only fine athletes but fine students as

well. Brown, Stanford, we have Penelope Dickos, who is now studying to be a CPA. The Greeks said: "A sound mind in a sound body." And I hope that all of the young people who are here today will remember that.

Sports were a very important thing in my life. I lived for the afternoons I spent on the playing field and, although I was not a star athlete, I played varsity sports in high school and won three letters and went on to college and played some small college sports. My hours on the baseball diamond, on the basketball court, as a cross-country runner, as captain of my tennis team in high school, were very, very important to me for a lot of reasons.

For one thing, we were into sports very heavily then, as kids are now. For another, there was a tradition. We do have a tradition of sports and competition going way back to the ancient Olympiads. And maybe it is just a vain hope, but I always thought that someday Greece ought to be the permanent site of the Olympics. It would solve a lot of problems and bring the Olympics back to where they began in the first place.

I was a distance runner and a cross-country runner from a very early age, and, believe me, the story of Phidipides was one that I learned early. Those of you who come from the New England area will remember that wonderful year, 1946, when Steliano Skiviakedis came to the United States from Greece and ran and the Boston marathon. I was 11 or 12 years old, and was standing in Boston's Kenmore Square. I will never forget it. Those were the days when you didn't have television or transistor radios. We didn't know until we'd hear the clapping up ahead who was coming. I remember asking, "Who's ahead, who's ahead?" And the word came back, "Kelly and the Greek. Kelly and the Greek." And it was the Greek. It was Steliano Skiviakedes



who came to the United States and won that marathon in my home city and dramatized the plight of the Greek people after World War II. These are very, very special memories for me as a youngster growing up in the Boston area, a youngster who was so deeply involved in athletics and for whom sports, as well as my studies, meant a great deal.

But there was one other thing that struck me today and strikes me every time I am with so many of you, sharing your fellowship and your love and your pride. So many of our award winners today mentioned their families, mentioned the importance of their families, mentioned how much their parents meant to them. That wonderful story, John, of how your Dad used to embrace you in classic Greek fashion. Greeks aren't afraid to express affection and we aren't afraid to talk about our families and talk about our parents and our grandparents and how important they are and have been to all of us. And I am very proud of my family and of my parents who came to this country 75 years ago as Greek immigrants and what they gave to me.

Many of you know about my Dad who came to this country when he was 15, as a young Greek immigrant lad, first to Manchester, New Hampshire, and then on to Lawrence and Lowell, Massachusetts. He had about \$25 in his pocket, couldn't speak the English language. Came from a small predominantly Greek town in Asia Minor. His parents came from Mytiline. And, by the way, yesterday we had a wonderful party in this city and the district attorney of Jefferson Parish was there and he was the sponsor, and I asked him where his parents had come from and he said, "Mytiline." I asked, "from what village?" And he said, "You've probably never heard of it; they have even changed the name." I said, "What was it?" He said, "It was an interesting town. It was called *Ta Yelyia*." John Mamolites' parents and my father came from the same village, up in the mountains on the island of Mytiline, *Ta Yelyia*, The Laughter. The town of laughter. They changed the name for some reason to Pelopi about ten or fifteen years ago. I don't know why because I thought it was a wonderful name. The story about how some of those people from those coastal villages finally got tired of being attacked by pirates and decided they would go up into the mountains and establish a new village where they could live in peace and laugh again, which is why they named the village *Ta Yelyia*, I think is one of the great stories.

In any event, there we were the two of us, sons of immigrants, one a district attorney, and the other a governor, here in New Orleans, our parents from the same village up in the mountains. And my Dad came to this country as an immigrant with a burning desire to get an education. Worked in those textile mills, worked in restaurants, went to night school; and my father became the first American-trained, Greek-speaking doctor in metropolitan Boston and practiced medicine for 52 years. He worked seven days a week, delivered 3,000 babies. I was in Orlando, Florida, about seven weeks ago. We had a fundraiser and a Greek priest came up to me and greeted me warmly and then he paused and said, "Governor, your father delivered me." And I said, "Father, that's why you look so good." And he did.

My mother, and I say this especially for those of you who are young people here today, was the first Greek woman in the history of Haverhill, Massachusetts, ever to go to school beyond high school. And in 1921, I can assure you Greek young women didn't go to college, and the only reason she went was because she had a very understanding father and an elementary school principal, a down-east Yankee named Stanley Gray, not a Greek-American, but somebody who took that little Greek girl under his wing and encouraged her, thanks to Stanley Grey my mother finished high school, went to college, became a school teacher.

My mother is now 84 years of age. Two weeks ago she was campaigning in northern Minnesota, at a meeting of the Democratic Farmer Labor State Central Committee of the State of Minnesota, she delivered a speech. Some of the other candidates were there; they spoke. A Minneapolis newspaper took a straw poll and I won. I called my mother the next day and I said, "Ma, we're going to have you campaigning all over this country." Eighty-four years of age, she came to this country as a 9-year-old Greek immigrant girl and today her son is the governor of Massachusetts and a serious candidate for the President of the United States.

I am very proud of my heritage and I know that every single one of us is, and especially these fine athletes. I remember Harry Agganis, one of the great inspirations for all of us back in

the 1940s and 1950s. I remember watching him play as a high school senior all-star, I remember him on the gridiron at Boston University, I remember him playing against St. Bonaventure's, and I remember him playing for the Red Sox. And Harry Agganis never forgot his family, never forgot his parents, never forgot his mother.

So this is what our heritage is all about. A family, a good education, contributing something to our community and to the country that welcomed our parents and grandparents and opened up the door of opportunity to them. It is a very, very proud heritage and I know we all treasure it and we feel very strongly about it.

This is, as Felicia Papuchis said, a long marathon for me and for all of us, but we Greeks are marathoners. We know what a long race is. We know how to persevere. We know how to work hard. And all I can say to all of you is that I am very, very grateful for your support and your love, and for what so many of you have already done for me and for this campaign. I would love someday to be able to welcome the AHEPA Hall of Fame winners to the White House. I want to close, Monthe, by congratulating you on what you have done to make these awards possible. It's a wonderful recognition of veteran athletes and I think it's a terrific, terrific recognition and inspiration to young people.

So thank you all very, very much and I hope that I will be able to make you proud. I know I am going to work very hard to do that, and I want to tell you all that your support and what you have done already for me has just been terrific.

Thank you so much, and I hope we can celebrate another victory in a year-and-a-half.



*Daughters Grand President Felicia Papuchis (left) presenting the Zoe Cavalaris Award to Penelope Dickos..*





**AHEPA CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS:**  
Greek oratory mixed with Louisiana warmth  
made for a most memorable banquet.



## Congressman Yatron, State Senator Geo-Karis, principal speakers at Grand Banquet

The social high point of the convention was the Grand Banquet held Thursday night. The event was addressed by a number of dignitaries, including Congressman Gus Yatron, Illinois State Senator Adeline Geo-Karis, the presidents of the AHEPA Family auxiliaries, and Supreme President John G. Plumides.

The evening's master of ceremonies, Supreme Governor Spero Margeotes, introduced the speakers and guests of honor, while

Dr. Andrew Karantinos, a member of the AHEPA Educational Foundation, presented the foundation's Academy of Achievement Awards recipients.

The Ambassador of Cyprus to the United States, Andreas Jacovides, read a message from Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou which stated, in part: "I...extend once again the grateful thanks of the Cyprus government and the Greek Cypriot people for your valuable assistance and solidarity in our hard and difficult struggle for physical and national survival and vindication...We aim at building a free and united Cyprus, without occupation forces and dividing lines, without refugees and enclaved people, a peaceful and flourishing Cyprus."

Antigone Karali-Demitriadi, the General Secretary of Greeks Abroad at the Ministry of Culture, delivered a message from Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou. In his message the Prime Minister said: "Your multiform and productive activities in the difficult arena of your second homeland,

America, constitute a brilliant example of the boundless potential of Hellenism of which you are a very special part...The active support of Greek abroad in this difficult struggle is most valuable. Well aware of your tradition of support to the homeland through the years, we are certain that you will contribute wholeheartedly to the cause of the defense of our national rights."

Adeline Geo-Karis, a past Grand President of the Daughters and a leading member of the Illinois State Senate, spoke on Greek American pride and ethnic participation in the American political process.

The evening's keynote speaker, Congressman Gus Yatron of Pennsylvania, gave a thought-provoking and

inspiring speech on the need for involvement in the political process, and he analysed the contradictions in American human rights policy. (See Yatron remarks).

Supreme President John G. Plumides received a standing ovation for his speech, which detailed the importance of the AHEPA as an instrument of ethnic pride in America. He said that it was natural that the AHEPA began in the South, "it had to begin there, because that's where the prejudices against our brothers and sisters were." He ended by stressing the importance of the AHEPA and the most important tool in preserving Hellenic culture in America.

*From left to right at the Grand Banquet are Cyprus Ambassador Andreas Jacovides, AHEPA Supreme President John Plumides, Mary Plumides, Congressman Gus Yatron, Antigone Karali-Dimitriadi, General Secretary for Greeks Abroad, Daughters Grand President Felicia Papuchis, and Alexander Philon, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Greece.*





## Banquet Honors High Achievers

**D**r. Andrew Karantinos, a member of the AHEPA Educational Foundation, presented the foundation's Academy of Achievement Awards to five outstanding Greek Americans for their contributions in their chosen professional fields. The 1987 Academy of Achievement recipients were: Dr. Julia Terzis, medicine; Judge Leon Marketos, legal and political science; Andreas C. George, natural science; Dr. Constantine Kiamos, education; and, Dr. Peter D. Zavitsanos, business and commerce.

An associate professor at the Eastern Virginia Medical School Department of Plastic Surgery, **Dr. Julia Terzis** was recently cited by the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery for having given the best scientific presentation in the international arena; Terzis has also participated in several symposia, and was a guest speaker last year at the annual meeting of the Greek Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology.

**Judge Leon Marketos**, a retired bankruptcy judge, was born and raised in New York state. Initiated in the AHEPA in 1937, the year he graduated from Harvard Law School, he kept up his AHEPA activities—including service as District #6 Governor—while pursuing his legal career. He is a past treasurer of the Oneida County Democratic Committee, and is active in many community philanthropic and cultural programs, including the Oneida County Historical Society and the Utica Rescue Mission.

Born in the United States and raised in Cyprus, **Andreas C. George** received his bachelors degree in biological and physical sciences from Brooklyn College and his masters degree in engineering from the City University of New York. For the last 25 years, George has been studying the effect of radon in mines and abandoned buildings throughout North America. A member of Estia-Pindus Chapter #326, where he has served two terms as president, he currently resides in Bayside, NY, with his family.

**Dr. Constantine P. Kiamos**, a native of Illinois, is currently the principal of Charles P. Steinmetz High School and a member of the Chicago Board of Education. A member of Shoreline Chapter #380 and past District #13 Governor, he is a graduate of Chicago Teachers College, Loyola University and Nova University. His professional experience and community involvement include coordinating the special education programs of the Chicago Department of Education and the Amudsen Park Community Council.

For over 20 years, **Dr. Peter D. Zavitsanos** has been one of the leaders in the fields of natural science and space technology. An internationally-known scientist with 16 U.S. patents, he has published papers in over 50 technical journals. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Illinois, he is the founder and president of General Science, Inc., a private research and development corporation.



Andreas George



Constantine Kiamos



Leon J. Marketos

## Gus Yatron

I come before you as a fellow Hellene, a fellow Orthodox Christian, and a fellow Ahepan. Rather than talking about the history of U.S. policy toward Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey, a subject on which you are all well-versed, I will address other aspects of these subjects which are so vital to Greek-Americans.

AHEPA has always been at the forefront of matters concerning the Greek community both in the United States and abroad. I would like to offer several observations as to why we should continue to fight the legislative battles, why we should continue to influence public opinion, and why the United States has an obligation, morally, and strategically, to resolve the various issues with which we, as Ahepans, are intimately involved.

The foreign policy concerns eloquently addressed by previous speakers are not exclusively Greek concerns. They are issues of American concern. Time and time again, critics of our efforts suggest that we are a special interest group advancing a Hellenic agenda. They also advance the notion that we have a monolithic view of U.S. policy towards Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey. We should reject these arguments outright, as they have no foundation and are motivated by ignorance and insensitivity.

Secretary of State Shultz on February 22, 1984, said in a speech delivered in Peoria, Illinois: "The cause of human rights is at the cost of American foreign policy, because it is central to America's conception of self. These values are hardly an American invention. But America has perhaps been unique in its commitment to base its foreign policy on the pursuit of such ideals."

When we raise the issue of religious persecution in the Soviet Union, we raise it as Americans.

When we raise the issue of human rights in El Salvador, we raise the issue as Americans.

When we focus public attention on the policy of forced starvation by the Ethiopian government, we raise the issue as Americans.

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We raise these issues because we have a moral obligation to offer support to the oppressed and a strategic and humanitarian interest in pressuring governments to respect human rights and to promote democracy.

If the United States calls for the Soviets to withdraw from Afghanistan, then why not call for the Turkish troops to withdraw from Cyprus?

If we condemn Cuba for torturing prisoners of conscience, then why not condemn Albania for persecuting Greeks?

If we invoke the Helsinki Accords when criticizing the Soviets for persecuting Ukrainian Catholics, then why not invoke the Helsinki Accords with Turkey when it comes to the ill-treatment of the Patriarchate and the remaining Greek-Orthodox in Turkey?

The policy battles we have fought together are just as important to America as any other nation is confronted with. Americans of Greek descent are fully aware of this reality, but, unfortunately, we still find ourselves criticized by being a Greek lobby. As a consequence, our policies do not receive the full, unified support of successive Administrations they so richly deserve.

The moves toward democracy in South Korea and in the Philippines were influenced strongly by a determined bi-partisan message from Congress and the executive branch, delivered forcefully to both regimes. Our efforts were not viewed as being motivated by ethnic interests. They were viewed as advancing

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American interests in a way which benefitted the forces of democracy and human rights.

Just think how effective we would be if the United State demanded that there be human rights in Albania, or fervently sought a just and lasting solution in Cyprus?

What would happen if a unified United States government called on Ankara to allow the Patriarchate to freely exercise its god-given religious beliefs?

Often we know the problems which face our community, but we wonder what we, individually, can do to resolve these seemingly overwhelming and complex issues.

First we must be unified. More than ever before, our standing together to voice our collective concern is vital.

I ask that you continue to use your voting power, and to express your opinions to legislators, and public officials on all levels. As you convey your concerns, do not be put off by accusations of ethnic bias. Instead, make it very clear to whomever your audience happens to be that you are speaking as an American citizen who has a unique understanding of how better to preserve our great country's interests. We must remain committed to righting the seemingly unnoticed wrongs suffered by peoples throughout the world, and those suffering include our Greek brethren in Albania, Turkey, and Cyprus. To remain silent, even in the face of criticism, serves only to perpetuate these iniquities, and we, as a community, must never let that happen.

In the final analysis, the Afghan who has been deprived of his right to return to his homeland is no more or less deserving of our support than the Cypriot who one day hopes to return to his native land. We cannot right for one while ignoring the other. Double standards do not advance democracy, and as descendants of the originators of this treasured concept, it is up to us to make sure that these principles are adhered to. This is our sacred obligation as Americans of Greek origin--we must not compromise democracy and freedom. God gave us these gifts to share with the world in word and in deed.



*See you in Miami  
next year!*



## Mellekas, Polyonis, Rodis 1987 inductees in AHEPA Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame

Over 1,300 Ahepans and friends witnessed the induction of three outstanding Greek American athletes into the AHEPA Hall of Fame at the Athletic Awards Luncheon on August 19, during the 65th AHEPA Supreme Convention in New Orleans, LA. Supreme Athletic Director Dr. Monthe N. Kofos, Peter Clentzos, and Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts assisted in the ceremonies.



**John Stavros Mellekas**

An outstanding lineman who played for the Chicago Bears, San Francisco 49ers, and the Philadelphia Eagles, Mellekas began his college career at the University of Arizona where he was on the starting lineup for four years, playing both offense and defense. In his rookie year in the pros, he was a part of an outstanding Bears team that defeated the New York Giants in the National Football League Championship Game. Mellekas' performance won him the starting center position for the Bears, which he held for two seasons when his career was interrupted by two years in the U.S. army.

After completing his military service, Mellekas returned to the NFL where was a starting defensive tackle for the San Francisco 49ers and, later, the Philadelphia Eagles.

Mellekas currently teaches physical education in the Newport, RI, school system and was awarded the city's Hugh McGowan Award for his contribution to sports and local youth. A member of Newport Chapter #245, he is married to the former Martha Tsopelas and has five children.

An optometrist and native of Bakersfield, CA, Dr. Polyonis has been a competitive athlete for over 50 years.

Following his graduation from the University of Southern California, he began playing handball, winning several state singles and doubles titles. He and his partner held the city and county doubles title for over 16 years, while never finishing lower than third in state-wide competitions. In 1952, he and his brother defeated the national doubles champions; and, at the age of 57, he defeated the 27-year old world champion in two straight games.



**Dr. George Polyonis**

Dr. Polyonis played handball until he was 59 years old, and has recently been competing in the Masters Track program where he has won gold, silver, and bronze medals in the 400m and 1600m relays and the triple jump. He has competed in the Pan American Track & Field Games, where he won the gold medal for the 440-yard race. And, at the age of 67, he won both the 800m and 1500m races in the International Senior Olympics.

A resident of Needham, MA, Nick Rodis has had an outstanding career in the field of athletics. A basketball, football, and baseball coach at several colleges, including the University of Connecticut, he also served as a special assistant for athletic programs to the Department of State from 1962-1967. In 1967, Rodis was appointed director of athletics at Brandeis University, and has served as a special assistant and consultant to the president of Brandeis since 1984. A member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee from 1963-1967, he is also a past president of the U.S. Collegiate Sports Council.

Rodis' international activities include serving as vice president of the International Sports Federation. In 1973, he coordinated a basketball tour to the Peoples Republic of China for the first team to visit the country since World War II. He has conducted basketball clinics in Greece and wrote the first book in Greek on the sport of basketball.

A graduate of Harvard University, where he was an All-American honorable mention in 1946, he played in the Blue-Gray game in 1944 and 1948.



**Nick Rodis**



## Sports Round-Up

Competition was fierce this year on golf, basketball, tennis, softball, and bowling, as individuals and teams vied for local, regional, and national titles. Here is a round-up of some of the action, and information about this year's expanded--and exciting--athletic program. Events to look for: the first AHEPA Ski Meet and the 26th Dr. Monthe Kofos National Invitational Golf Tournament in Las Vegas!

### Athletic Awards Program

In addition to the Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame, the AHEPA sports program includes several awards for outstanding achievements in high school, college, and professional sports.

**James Kekeris Scholar Athlete Award:** Jason Palumbis, the recipient of the 1987 Kekeris award for outstanding academic and athletic achievements, is the 17-year old, 6'3", 200-lb quarterback at Lakeridge High School in Oswego, OR. Playing only 6 games this year because of a shoulder injury, Palumbis passed for 1,900 yards and 19 touchdowns, and has signed a letter for intent to play for Stanford University next year. Senior class president and senior student body president, he has a 3.59 grade point and is a member of the National Honor Society.

**Dr. Kimon Doukas Collegiate Scholar-Athlete Award:** Anthony Katsaros of Seattle, WA, and a junior at Brown University is one of the starters for Brown's basketball team. At 6'7," last year he shot 51% from the field and had 111 defensive and 62 offensive rebounds. Katsaros also led his team with 32 blocked shots and scored 270 points for a 10-point per game average.

**William G. Chirgotis Collegiate Athlete Award:** Peter Giftopoulos of Hamilton, Ontario, is the first Canadian to receive the Chirgotis award. A linebacker at Penn State, his interception of Vinnie Testaverde's pass in the Fiesta Bowl, was one of the key plays in Penn State's win over Miami.

**Harry Agganis Award:** Greg Trafalis of San Bruno, CA, the 1987 recipient of

this prestigious award, is an outstanding shot-putter who defeated world record holder Brian Oldfield in the Bell Indoor Track & Field Meet in Portland, OR, and then went on to win the silver medal in the recent Pan American Games. One of two shot putters in the U.S.--and one of only four shot putters in the world--who has surpassed 70 feet, he has won nearly all the meets he has competed in this year. Trafalis, at 29 years of age, is having his best year and is a good prospect for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Team.

**Special Award:** A special award was presented by the AHEPA Athletic Department to Tom Poulos of Miami, FL, this year for his contributions to the field of athletics and his exemplary work with Hellenic American youth. A highly skilled fast softball pitcher of remarkable endurance and ability, he has a record spanning 30 years of 642 victories and 180 losses. His career record includes 102 pitching shut-outs and 23 no-hit games, with 2 perfect games.

### Basketball

**AHEPA All Stars:** The 1987 AHEPA All-Star Basketball Team departed New York for Greece on August 17 on a sixth goodwill tour of Greece. The All-Star team was selected from 150-player tryouts held in Denver, CO, last April. In Greece, the team will compete against the country's six top-ranked teams, included the Greek national



Chris Papasarandou (left) of Oklahoma City, a forward on the AHEPA All-Star Team, received the George J. Triphon MVP Award at the Van Nomikos tournament in Denver last April.

team which recently defeated the Soviet team in the European Basketball Championships. National basketball director Spiro Siaggas of Reno, NV, is coordinating this year's trip; Richard Dukeshire of Framingham, MA, and Andy Bountogiannis of Elyria, OH, are the head coach and assistant coach of the 1987 team.

### Softball

**Royalton, OH, wins second consecutive national championship:** Finishing the tournament with a 6-0 record, Royalton defeated St. Louis, MO, 9-5, to win their second AHEPA national softball championship in Flint, MI, this July. Tournament co-chairmen Nick Papadelis and Judge Tom Yeotis organized an excellent tournament which drew teams from Indiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, Missouri, and Ontario. Tournament MVP was Dean Asimes of Ohio, who

### Give sports a boost!

The AHEPA National Athletic Boosters Club was created to advance and sustain the AHEPA's diverse athletic program, which includes over 17 tournaments, an awards program, the AHEPA Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame, and the AHEPA All-Star Basketball team.

The Boosters Club, a trust to help adequately maintain and expand these program, raises funds through the sale of \$10 annual memberships.

Sports activities are an important part of our lives, providing entertainment and promoting health through exercise. The AHEPA athletic program is the most diverse and extensive ethnic sports program in the country--but it needs your support. So, give sports a boost and join the Boosters Club today: send your name, address, and a \$10 annual membership fee: to AHEPA Athletic Boosters, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.



s sharp at short stop and powered 16 hits, including 2 home runs in 22 bats for a .727 average.

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sted below the winners of the regional championship flights and the handicap flights that squared off in New Orleans, LA, in their quest for the 1987 AHEPA National Golf Championship against defending champions Eric Kirsch of Steubenville, OH, and Jim Beleos of Camden, SC.

**Northeast Regional:** Art Hatgis of Lynn, MA, (78), 10 handicap and George Demopoulos of Pequa, NY, (80-64) 16 handicap.

**Southern Regional:** Tony Koutsourais of Tarpon Springs, FL (74), 6 handicap and Jim Lialios of Clearwater, FL (81-63), 18 handicap.

**Mid-Atlantic Regional:** Angelo Siembas of Pequa, NY (85), 12 handicap and Kyros Leondis of Pequa, NY, (81-66) 15 handicap.

**Mid-Central Regional:** John Mariakis of Lakewood, OH, (72), 7 handicap and Deno Nicholas of North Royalton, OH, (82-59), 23 handicap.

**Mid-Western Regional:** John Chinonis of Flint, MI, (82) 14 handicap and John Kales of Troy, MI, (94-64), 30 handicap.

**Western Regional:** George Tassos of Downey, CA, (78), 12 handicap and Chris Laskaris of Highland, CA, (88-66), 22 handicap.

**Northwestern Regional:** Chris Zambaras of Tacoma, WA, (78) 9 handicap and Terry Karis of Seattle, WA, (82-80), 12 handicap.

**National Invitational Golf Tournament:** Championship Flight--Ted Kamataris of Marlboro, MA, (78), 7 handicap and Dymond Nikon of Seattle, WA, (79) 10 handicap; Handicap Championship Flight--Leon Spanos of St. Louis, MO, (82-69), 13 handicap, Jerry Doptis of Houston, TX, (84-69), 19 handicap, Mike Pappas of Tarpon Springs, FL, (86067), 25 handicap, and Nick Mavros of Hanover, PA, (100-75), 25 handicap.

## Bowling

Several leading AHEPA bowling teams met at the Tropicana Lanes in St. Louis, MO, last May to compete in the 1987

National Bowling Championships. Hosted by St. Louis Chapter #53, the organizing committee under Harry Lemakis, deserve congratulations for a well-organized event which produced some surprising winners.

**St. Louis bowls 3135 for national title:** A well-balanced team from St. Louis Chapter #53 won its first national bowling championship against strong competition. Team members Bill Miller (687), Roger Miller (586), Gus Trakas (636), Lou Politis (586), and Harry Lemakis (622).

**Banas and Garbis take national doubles title:** Warren Banas (560) and Jerry Garbis (627) of Illinois, posted one of the finest doubles scores ever as they clinched the doubles title for Shoreline Chapter #380.

**Michaelides edges Kottalis for singles championship:** Ulyssis Michaelides of St. Louis, MO, banged out games of 245-205-224 plus a handicap of 72 to edge out Nick Kottalis of Flint, MI, in the national singles championship.

## Candlepin

Host chapters Saco-Biddeford and Portland did an outstanding job organizing this year's national candlepin finals, held at the Roll-a-way Lanes in Biddeford, ME, last spring. After the tournament, over 100 competitors and friends enjoyed a wonderful banquet at Chris Antonakos' restaurant put on by the host chapters. Congratulations to event co-chairmen Mino Gekas and Chris Antonakos for an outstanding tournament.

**Lynn, MA, wins fifth consecutive title:** An outstanding team from Lynn, MA, walked away with its fifth straight national candlepin championship, despite strong competition from a field of 17 teams.

In Class B, Nashua, NH, #1 finally broke into the win column, riding on the shirt tails of Art Pipilas' 535 and A. Pournaras' 529. Portland, ME, #1 finished second, while Portland, ME, #2 took third place. In Class C, a sensational comeback by Manchester #4 on a big 587 series in the fourth game pushed the team into first place.

*Highlighting the 1988 sports calendar are:*

**February 27-28:** Northeastern Basketball Tournament, Brockton, MA

### **First Annual National Ski Meet**

March 5, 1988, Sun Valley, Idaho

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**March 13:** Northeastern Ten Pin Championship, Norwich, CT

**March 20:** Northeastern Candlepin Championship, Manchester, NH

**March 25-27:** Van Nomikos National Invitational Basketball Championship

**April 17-22:** Dr. Monthe Kofos Invitational Golf Tournament, Las Vegas, NV

**April 30-May 1:** National Bowling Championship, Hammond, IN

**May 21:** Southern Regional Golf Tournament, Tampa, FL

**June:** Far-western Regional Golf Tournament, Pasadena, CA

**June 4:** Northeast Regional Golf Tournament, Farmington, CT

**June 5:** Northwestern Regional Golf Tournament, Tacoma, WA

**June 10:** Mid-Atlantic Regional Golf Tournament, Long Island, NY

**June 11:** Northeast Regional Softball Tournament, Marlboro, MA

**July 11:** Mid-western Regional Golf Tournament, Flint, MI

**July 13:** Mid-East Central Regional Golf Tournament, Akron, OH

**July 16-17:** National Softball Championship, Oklahoma City, OK

**August 15-16:** National Regional Golf Tournament, Miami Beach, FL

**August 16:** Convention City Golf Tournament, Miami Beach, FL

**August 17:** Convention City Athletic Awards Luncheon, Miami Beach, FL

**August 17-18:** Convention City Tennis Championship, Miami Beach, FL

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# Largest-ever number of Daughters attend New Orleans convention; Xenakis elected Grand President

A record number of Daughters delegates attended the 1987 New Orleans Convention to mark the end of one of the most active and productive years for the Daughters of Penelope. In addition to attracting the largest-ever number of Daughters delegates, the New Orleans convention was attended a record number of first-time delegates, Past Grand Presidents, and District Governors.

## Convention activities

Convention week officially opened on Sunday, and Grand President Felicia Papuchis was among the dignitaries welcoming delegates and friends at the opening ceremonies. Later, Grand President Papuchis presented special certificates of appreciation to the members of the host chapter Nestor #55, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.

In addition to convention social activities, Daughters delegates also attended a seminar sponsored by the Penelopian Foundation. Conducted by Steve Frangos, the seminar focused on techniques for compiling an oral history of Greek American women.

## Business sessions

The Daughters daily business sessions reviewed last year's activities and discussed programs for the coming year. Grand President Papuchis reported to the delegates that the Daughters had raised over \$41,000 for the Daughters national projects, including \$18,833 raised from the annual charity seal drive.

The Grand President presented a check for \$19,000 to Dr. C. Gordon, director of the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Center, on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope. An independent, non-profit cancer research



Grand President Felicia Papuchis (left) installed the newly elected Grand President, Kaliope Xenakis, and the members of her Grand Lodge.

center in Miami, FL, the Pap Institute conducts valuable research and training. The Daughters' support of the center spans two decades, and they were instrumental in the issuance of commemorative stamps honoring Dr. George Papanicolaou in both Greece and the United States. Last year the Daughters also raised over \$10,000 for Cooley's Anemia and the Special Olympics.

Donnie Ferraro, national president of the Philoptochos Ladies Association, was one of the dignitaries who addressed the business sessions. Other special convention guests included Antigone Karali-Dimitriade, the General Secretary for Greeks Abroad, and representatives of the Greek government.

## Election of officers

The convention concluded with the election and installation of the new Grand Lodge. Grand Vice President Kaliope Xenakis of Deerfield Beach, FL, was elected Grand President. Serving with her this year will be: Becky Demeris, Grand Vice President; Vasilia Kachmarski, Grand Vice President of Canada; Julia Constantine, Grand Secretary; Cornelia Pappas, Grand Treasurer; Grand Governors Theodora



Angela Magrames presented a check to Special Olympics founder Sargent Shriver on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope.

Dacales, Constance Stathakes, Anna Topougis, and Diana Rakus; and National Maids Advisor Athena Asselanis.

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## Penelopean Who's Who

**Kaliope Xenakis**  
*Grand President*



A member of Chapter #289, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Grand President Xenakis has been an active member of the Daughters for over 26 years. A past president of the Friends of the Museum of Art of Ft. Lauderdale, she served two years on the Museum Board of Directors. Vice-chairman of the Deerfield Beach Cultural Committee, she has also been co-chair of the Los Olas Art Festival for six years.

Currently serving her sixth year on the Grand Lodge, she and her husband, Dr. Alexander Xenakis, have one son.

**Becky Demeris**  
*Grand Vice President*



Initiated into Maids Chapter #141, Houston, TX, in 1952, she chaired the first national Maids conference in 1953, was elected Grand President in 1954, and re-

-elected president in 1955. She has served in several offices of Daughters Achaia Chapter #54, and on the District #16 Lodge for four years.

The Grand Vice President has served on the Grand Lodge for the last three years. She is a governmental executive serving as first assistant city secretary for the City of Houston.

**Vasilia Kachmarski**  
*Grand Vice President of Canada*



Born and raised in Saskatoon, Kachmarski was elected to her fourth term as Grand Vice President of Canada in New Orleans. An 18-year member of the

Daughters, she was elected to ten terms on the District #24 Lodge. A primary school teacher in Calgary, Alberta, she

is married to Ron Kachmarski and they have one son, Sean.

**Julia G. Constantine**  
*Grand Secretary*



Born in Wilson, NC, Julia Constantine was elected to her fifth term on the Grand Lodge. After receiving her BA and MA degrees, the Grand

Treasurer undertook postgraduate work at Northwestern University and the National College of Education. An educator for more than 30 years, she was chairwoman of the Social Studies Department at Lincoln Junior High School in Naperville, IL. She and her husband, Dr. Gus Constantine, are the parents of three children.

**Cornelia A. Pappas**  
*Grand Treasurer*



A graduate of the Traphagen School of Design and the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising, Grand Treasurer Cornelia Alicia Pappas was elected to several

chapter offices prior to her elevation to the District #6 Lodge, where she served for eight years. The Grand Treasurer and her husband, James Pappas, have two daughters.

**Theodora P. Dacales**  
*Grand Governor*



A 14-year member of the Daughters, Grand Governor Dacales served in all chapter and district offices, and was also national chairman of the Daughters Scholarship

Committee prior to her election to the Grand Lodge at the New Orleans convention. A resident of Falls Church, VA, she is a teacher in the Fairfax County Public Schools. She and her husband, Gus Dacales, is a charter member of Arlington Chapter #438, have two children.

**Constance Stathakes**  
*Grand Governor*



Personnel director and office manager of the Reynolds Metals Company's regional office in Chicago, IL, for eleven years, Grand Governor

Stathakes studied personnel management at Northwestern University. During her 24-years membership in the Daughters, she has served in most elective chapter and district offices and several national committees. The Grand Governor's community involvement includes the executive committee of a telethon which raised \$150,000 for the Greek High School.

**Diana Rakus**  
*Grand Governor*



A member of the AHEPA Family for more than 25 years, Diana Rakus is currently working and pursuing further studies on Special Education. She was

elected to chapter, district, and national offices of the Maids of Athena prior to her initiation in the Daughters of Penelope. A member of Daughters Chapter #160 for 18 years, she has held numerous chapter and district offices, including District Maids Advisor. Prior to her election as Grand Governor this year, she served as National Maids Advisor.

**Athena Asselanis**  
*National Maids Advisor*



Initiated in Memphis Chapter #180 in 1979, she has served in several offices, including District #1 Governor. A graduate of Memphis State University, she

majored in International Relations and Spanish. Athena and her husband, Cimon Asselanis, currently reside in Dallas, TX.



### Plumides receives St. Photios plaque

Supreme President John G. Plumides was presented with a plaque by Bishop John of Atlanta, president of the St. Photios Foundation, during the fifth annual St. Photios Feastday Luncheon. The plaque was presented to the Supreme President in recognition of the AHEPA's role as a benefactor of the St. Photios National Shrine, including retiring the \$65,000 mortgage of the shrine in 1984.



### Babalas kicks off cancer drive

Virginia State Senator Peter K. Babalas kicked off a fund drive on August 10 to raise funds for cancer research at the Massey Cancer Center. The fund is called the "Virginians of Greek Descent Fund for Cancer Research" and Babalas' hopes to raise at least \$300,000 for the Center.

The Massey Cancer Center is a National Cancer Institute designated research center and is a part of the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University. Babalas is a member of Norfolk Chapter #122 and was recently hospitalized with cancer.

### Manousos outstanding Hellene

Peter Manousos was recently honored as an "Outstanding Hellene of the Year" at a banquet sponsored by AHEPA Chapter #58 in Wethersfield, CT. Manousos, a local businessman, is a realtor and owner of Manousos Brothers Liquors and Ed's Wines and Liquors. He has also been active in the campaign to fight Cooley's Anemia and in promoting Hellenic culture through his weekly radio and television programs.

During the banquet, members of the chapter also presented the Periclean Award to Wethersfield Mayor James Boesch and a cited State Senator Cynthia Matthews as "Outstanding Citizen of the Year." John and Helen Matsikas were also presented with "Ahepan of the Year" and "Penelope of the Year" awards.



### Lawson crowned Miss Arkansas

Carole Lawson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Lawson of Paragould and granddaughter of Georgia Polychron of Little Rock, was recently named Miss Arkansas 1987. A senior at Fayetteville where she is majoring in Journalism and Public Relations, Lawson hopes to be a sports information director. She is a member of the Razorback Pom Pom Squad, and has had 10 years training in flute, nine years of dance, five years of piccolo and piano, and one year of voice.

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### Spaneas honored by Dracut

Over 600 Ahepans and friends gathered to honor local businessman George Spaneas, who was named Dracut, MA, "Citizen of the Year." A native of Lowell, MA, Brother Spaneas was initiated in the AHEPA in 1962 and is the owner of the Windsor Mills Restaurant.

In addition to a gift of appreciation from his employees, Spaneas also received certificates from the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Massachusetts State Senate. An outstanding athlete, he was cited as outstanding football player of Greek descent at Lowell High School and Boston University; he is also named in "Ripley's Believe It or Not" as the only baseball player to drive home seven runs by hitting two homeruns in one inning.

### Alakiotou appointed to Chicago zoning board

Chicago Mayor Harold Washington (left) has appointed architect Roula Alakiotou to a five-year term on the city Zoning Board of Appeals. She is the first woman architect to serve on the board.



A graduate of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Alakiotou's most publicized projects is the renovation of the Lexington Hotel, residence of mobster Al Capone, whose vault opening last April was covered live by television. Also pictured above with Alakiotou is Chris Tomaras, owner of Kronos, Inc.

### Kouroubetis publishes Greek American history

The Greeks of Michiana is the title of a recently published book by Milton Kouroubetis, life member of South Bend Chapter #100 and past District #12 Governor. Using church and AHEPA records as well as personal interviews, Kouroubetis compiled a comprehensive history of the local Greek American community. Copies of the book cost \$20 each plus \$2.75 shipping and handling and can be obtained from: St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 52455 North Ironwood Road, South Bend, IN 46635.

### Metzenbaum, Feighan, honored

Senator Howard Metzenbaum and Congressman Edward Feighan were recently presented with the Plato and Periclean Awards by Buckeye District #11 during the Governors' Ball in Mansfield, OH. Supreme President John G. Plumides was one of the evening's speakers.



**In brief**

**SCOFIELD RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD...**Past Supreme Secretary James S. Scofield, news research coordinator of the St. Petersburg Times, received the Joseph Kwapil Memorial Award of the Newspaper Division of the Special Libraries Association. The Kwapil award is the highest international award in newspaper librarianship.

**GEORGELOS RECEIVES NICHOLSON FELLOWSHIP...**Paul N. Georgelos, a Ph.D. candidate in chemical engineering at the Technological Institute of Northwestern University, has been awarded the Nicholson Fellowship for studies in the field of basic sciences.

**PENNSYLVANIA PROCLAIMS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY...**Governor Robert P. Casey signed a proclamation declaring March 25, 1987, as "Greek Independence Day" in the state of Pennsylvania.

**SEMOS RE-ELECTED COMMISSIONER...**Chris V. Semos received 58% of the vote recently in his bid for a second four-year term as Dallas County Commissioner.

**CANTON DEBUTANTES...**Thirteen Stark County high school senior girls of Greek descent were presented to Greek society in Canton, OH, at the Daughters Chloris Chapter #40 20th annual Debutantes Ball at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church.

**KOLOKATHIS SWORN IN AS DISTRICT COURT JUDGE...**Nicholas Kolokathis, a member of Cheyenne Chapter #211, was sworn in as First Judicial District judge this July. An attorney with the firm of Lathrop & Uchner for 11 years, he is a graduate of the University of Wyoming Law School and former member of the faculties of Dickinson Law School in Carlisle, PA, and the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento.

**DORIAN LECTURES AT BUCKNELL BANKING SEMINAR...**Harry Dorian, senior vice president and director of the Trust Division of Delaware Trust Company, recently completed a one-week teaching assignment at the 35th annual Central Atlantic School of Banking held at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, the seminar drew over 500 bankers. Dorian is a member of Philadelphia Chapter #26.

**TINGUS RECEIVES TRUMAN SCHOLAR AWARD...**Nicole Tingus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tingus of Greenville, NY, was one of 106 recipients of the 1987 Truman Scholar Awards presented in special ceremonies in the White House Rose Garden last May.

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- Should the business be sold? • If not, who will run it?
- Will there be adequate cash available to settle estate taxes without a forced sale?
- Will the business's earnings provide for your family's needs, or should other arrangements be made?

It's never too soon to settle these matters. Your accountant and attorney can provide important information and guidance on taxes, the transfer of ownership or management, and estate planning. When the time comes, your executor and trustee will see that plans are carried out according to your wishes.

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Dr. George Ahtaridis, President  
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Dear Dr. Ahtaridis:

On behalf of President Reagan I would like to thank you and members of your National Issues Committee for your recent letter expressing concern over the manner in which the Administration responded to the hijacking of TWA flight 847. I assure you there was no attempt to make Greece a scapegoat for this terrorist act.

However, security at Athens International Airport had been a problem of concern to the Department and the Federal Aviation Administration for many years. In February of this year, a combined U.S. government and U.S. carrier team traveled to Greece to examine airport security and make specific recommendations for improvement. The Greek authorities responded positively to our proposals and seemed to concur in all our recommendations, but failed to follow through with concrete actions. At the time of the Jordanian airline attack in April, we expressed our concern again to the Greek Government that dramatic improvements in airport security were necessary.

In the absence of sustained positive movement toward better security, the TWA 847 hijacking impelled us to take unilateral action which included an immediate travel advisory for U.S. citizens traveling through Athens airport. In response to our concerns, the Greek Government initiated corrective measures based upon our earlier recommendations. Following an invitation from the Greek Government to observe these security improvements, the FAA sent a survey team in July which concluded that the airport meets international airport security requirements. As a result, the travel advisory was lifted on July 22.

The FAA has launched an effort to study security at foreign airports where U.S. carriers land and to recommend enhanced security procedures at such places. Teams have evaluated security in these airports, including those on the Mediterranean rim. Currently we are taking measures aimed at denying to terrorists the use of Beirut Airport, which has been involved in 30% of the hijackings outside the United States in the past fifteen years.

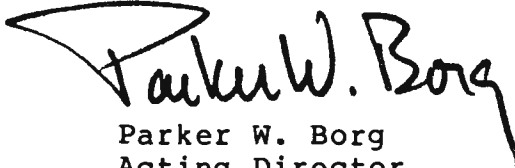


In addressing the broader problem, we are taking steps to improve security at international airports and aboard U.S. international air carriers. In response to President Reagan's statement on June 18, this Department, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, put in motion a number of initiatives designed to tighten security. The initiatives, to be implemented in close cooperation with the U.S. aviation industry, include an enhancement of the FAA's previously existing Federal Air Marshal Force, security assessments of foreign airports, the requirement that an airline "security coordinator" be designated for every flight, additional security training for airline personnel, and imposing new baggage and cargo security rules at U.S. international airports. These measures are now in the process of being implemented.

Airplane hijacking is one of several types of terrorist acts which are increasing around the world, and resolution of the problem will require greater unity and cooperation among nations if we are to overcome it. We are responding to international terrorism in a number of ways, working on long-range solutions while dealing with specific incidents, such as the hijacking of TWA flight 847.

I share your joy at the return of the hostages and am pleased by the positive actions taken by the Greek Government to improve security at Athens International Airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Parker W. Borg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P".

Parker W. Borg  
Acting Director  
Office for Counter-terrorism  
and Emergency Planning



# Archbishop Iakovos and AHEPA Leader Meet with Ozal

NEW YORK, N.Y.— During his recent visit to the United States, Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal met separately with two leading figures in the Greek-American community, Archbishop Iakovos and AHEPA President Cleo Zambetis, at their request, to discuss the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, Greek-Turkish tensions in the eastern Aegean, the role of mutual good will in resolving the Cyprus problem, and

Speaking with Greek and Turkish journalists after the meeting, Archbishop Iakovos stated that he found Ozal "very sincere," and that they had covered the issues that "create tension from time to time" among the peoples of Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey. "I came to see him with the hope that good will exists on all sides to find a solution to these continuing problems." When asked by a Turkish journalist what he believes must occur to improve the



Archbishop Iakovos is interviewed by members of the Greek and Turkish press following his meeting with Turkish Prime Minister Ozal.

the importance of maintaining a balance of power between Greece and Turkey. The meetings took place here on March 29 and 30 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel and were also attended by Turkish Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu.

Archbishop Iakovos described his hour-long meeting with Ozal as "cordial," stressing that Ozal is "Prime Minister of the country in which the Patriarchate has been located for 16 centuries now." The Ecumenical Patriarch in Constantinople is the symbolic leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church, with an estimated 100 million members worldwide. Yet the Turkish government has not authorized repairs on the deteriorating buildings of the Patriarchate. Permission for such restoration, on religious grounds, is one of the Archbishop's central concerns, but the outlook for cooperation on the Turkish side is not promising.

Following the meeting, Archbishop Iakovos was asked whether he had been invited to visit Turkey. Replying in the negative, he added, "I wish to be able to go some day, as the Patriarchate is the mother church, since I grew up and studied there, and would like to visit my parents' graves on Imvros (his birthplace, an island now part of Turkey), as well as the cemetery containing the grave of Patriarch Athenagoras. The Archbishop's wish to visit Turkey is under consideration by Ozal.

currently strained relations between Greece and Turkey, Iakovos stressed that he is not a politician, but that mutual good will would help re-establish the amity that had existed between the two peoples. "The advice I would like to give is that both sides must contribute towards a free and sincere dialogue on all issues in order to be able to discuss candidly and courageously" the maintenance of peace in the region.

The Archbishop repeated that he is not a political or diplomatic figure, but a "simple cleric." Asked for his opinion on the latest gesture of peace by Ozal and the negative response of the Greek government, the Archbishop declined to answer, stating "I do not represent and cannot speak for any government."

Only in the role of spiritual leader of the Greek-American community, Iakovos stated, would he be willing to respond affirmatively to an invitation to play a major role in the reconciliation of the Greek and Turkish people. As to whether this meeting with Prime Minister Ozal has raised his hopes on the course of future events, Archbishop Iakovos stated that he merely continues to hope that the situation will improve.

From the Turkish perspective, Prime Minister Ozal reiterated statements made at a recent Constantinople press conference, that he was willing to travel anywhere at any time to work towards improved relations with Greece. Foreign Minister Halefoglu related that the Turkish side

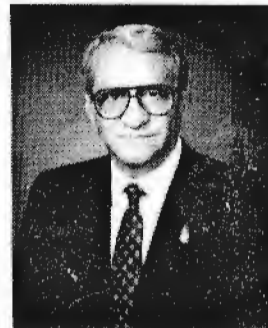
had presented the Archbishop with a history of Turkish actions and stressed that "We have repeatedly proposed a meeting for discussion on existing misunderstandings. Although these are not simple problems, there is no other means than dialogue with which to solve them."

Following his meeting with Archbishop Iakovos, Prime Minister Ozal met with AHEPA Supreme President Zambetis for one and a half hours on March 30, in a session that included Foreign Minister Halefoglu and Turkish Ambassador to the U.S. Sukru Elekdag, as well as AHEPA past Supreme President Gus Coffinas, Executive Director Timothy Maniatis, and Press and Information Director Elias Vlantou.

Zambetis welcomed Ozal and thanked him for the opportunity to meet and exchange views, "although our positions and perceptions of the problems in the eastern Mediterranean are different." He stressed the importance of "a continued and open dialogue at all levels" in seeking a solution to the Cyprus problem and to tension between Greece and Turkey. To this end, AHEPA supports the concept of "direct talks" between the two nations, although a "priority" is the resumption of U.N.-sponsored intercommunal negotiations on Cyprus, which AHEPA considers "extremely important for progress to occur." Ozal concurred with the idea of dialogue, but stressed the need for economic cooperation in that region.

Zambetis presented Ozal with a letter outlining AHEPA's three main areas of concern, discussed in the course of the meeting. The subject of the state of the Ecumenical Patriar-

chate buildings, first raised by Archbishop Iakovos, was also broached here, with the letter expressing AHEPA's concern over physical structures that have been allowed to decay, and by the closing of the theological school of Halki fourteen years ago, the leading theological school of the Greek Orthodox Church whose roots go back to the 11th century A.D. Past President Coffinas expressed satisfaction at Ozal's response that he would have the question of Patriarchate repairs examined. Zambetis stated with confidence that active measures by the Turkish government towards this end would be appreciated, not only by members of the Greek-American community, but also by the people of Greece and all members of the Eastern Orthodox Church.



AHEPA Supreme President Cleo Zambetis.

Zambetis's letter further stated that "the issues disputed today were, for decades, governed by understanding dating back to the ways of friendship and cooperation established by Eleftherios Venizelos and Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. AHEPA mentioned the "deep concern" of the Greek people regarding Turkish policy in the eastern Aegean, specifically the dispute over

the inclusion of the Greek island of Limnos in NATO exercises. The letter proposed that "maintaining the balance of power in the Aegean is necessary to prevent conflicts from erupting into a confrontation. This view is also echoed in the U.S. Congress, which has identified a 7:10 ratio in military assistance to Greece and Turkey as the means of preserving this balance."

Finally, Zambetis writes, "I would like to express our sincere sympathy to your government and your people concerning the terrorist attacks perpetrated against Turkish diplomatic officials. We fervently look forward, to the day when Turks, Greeks, and Cypriots will live together... in peace. We stand ready to assist in this process."

After the meeting with Ozal, Zambetis told reporters that he felt "very comfortable" and "pleased" with the results. He also emphasized that AHEPA is not an anti-Turkish lobby, but rather seeks to safeguard Hellenic interests.

While an international ethnic organization, AHEPA is primarily composed of Americans and Canadians of Greek descent, with over 50,000 members in 700 chapters throughout North America. This year's projects include fundraising for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, participation in the International Special Olympics, and several student exchange programs between Greece and the United States. —D.M.



# THE TURKISH "ENCLAVE THEORY"

(From Geographie by Prof. Dr Friedrich Sauerwein, Frankfurt, 1980)

This article is from the book "GEOGRAPHIE - Spannuugsfeld Agäis" by the German professor Dr. Friedrich Sauerwein. It is written for university students and it was published in W. Germany in 1980. Professor Sauerwein covers the following topics in his book: geology, geography, history, economics, and problems in the Aegean and Cyprus. He considers his work a contribution for a solution to the relative problems because as he says "thousands of Greek refugees in Cyprus are waiting..."

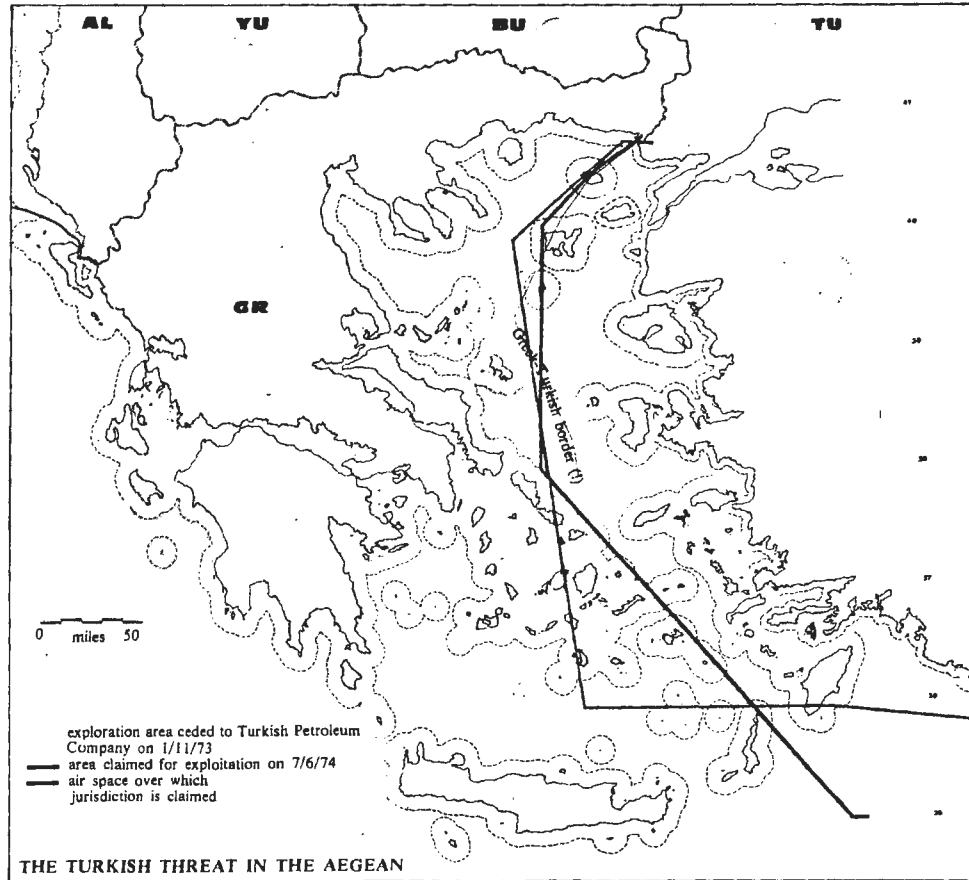
"Turkey counters the Greek view with the allegation that the continental shelf in the eastern Aegean is a continuation of the mainland of Anatolia and for that reason belongs to Turkey.

"According to the Turkish theory, this continental shelf reaches to the middle of the Aegean and the Greek islands above it form 'enclaves' in the midst of a Turkish continental shelf.

"Further, since, in this view, the Greek and Turkish continental shelves in the Aegean have not yet been defined and the two sides can only make legal claims to rights, the 'de facto' views of the Greeks are not well-grounded.

"Turkey has not signed the Geneva Agreement, since in its view the arrangements which this would impose in the case of the islands close to its shores would not deal correctly with the issue of the Aegean.

"The difficulties in the Turkish arguments arise from the fact that it (Turkey),



The Turkish threat in the Aegean. Turkish expansionist designs in the Aegean are illustrated as they derive from a) maps published in the Government Gazette in Turkey on 1.11.1973 and 8.6.1974 and b) Turkey's NOTAM of 25.11.1973 to the International Civil Aviation Organization (I.C.A.O.). The phrase "Greek - Turkish border" is a translation of the Turkish legend "Türkiye - Yunanistan Müsterek Hüdudulu" appearing on the map published in the Turkish Government Gazette of 1.11.1973.

on the one hand, refuses to accept some international agreements, but, on the other, would very much like to adopt others as guidelines

for its views, without being able to base its claims on internationally accepted regulations.

"Thus, Turkey's enclave theory cannot be accepted, even though it has been applied in the dispute

between Britain and France over the Channel Islands and by an international arbitration court. In this case, however, it was implemented by a

previous agreement between the two sides, before a court decision was issued. Greece would never give its agreement in a comparable way.

"For the Greek side the enclave theory is a provocation which could endanger the lines of communication by sea and air between mainland Greece and the islands and thus threatens to cut a vital nerve. Even greater are Greece's reservations in the face of Turkey's taking a decision on the islands and the fears which are felt of Turkey's plans for annexation (occupation).

"This is because the example of Cyprus has shown that Turkey does not exactly stint itself when it comes to taking over Greek island territory - and by force at that.

"In this issue it would seem that Turkey would retreat from its enclave theory, provided that Greece backed down from its 'equal distance' principle, which provides for a delimitation of the continental shelf at a point equidistant from the Greek islands and the mainland of Anatolia.

Thus Turkey is cunningly trying to extract from Greece some agreement based on the supposed principle of the 'facade maritime'. By invoking this, Turkey is trying to achieve the following: in those areas of the continental shelf not adjacent to Greek islands 'tongues' of the Turkish continental shelf could extend into the Aegean, the size and form of which should, in accordance with Turkish machinations, be settled.

This constitutes a modification of the enclave theory - in reality a variation of Turkish cunning and its expansionist policy in the Aegean.





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## NATO WEEKEND

NATO today, is faced by the most paradoxical and at the same time the most regrettable crisis in the course of its history. The very moment that NATO calls its country-members to contribute for the increase of the Alliance's conventional forces, at the same time NATO finds itself with no Greek and Turkish chapters included in its Annual Defence Review. This means that significant military forces assigned by those two countries to NATO will not be placed under NATO Command for this term.

It was an unprecedented evaluation due to an unheard of Turkish veto on this year's Greek chapter, in which air and land forces stationed on the strategic island of Lemnos were reported under NATO Command.

With its unfounded legal doctrines against the militarization of Lemnos, Turkey did not hesitate to deal another decisive blow to the already weakened S. Eastern NATO flank.

The Turkish veto in the course of the recent Autumn Defense Ministers session, is the culmination of a series of demarches, threats, and public statements, as well as both official and unofficial positions taken by Ankara against the reporting of Greek forces based on Lemnos.

Greece, it goes without saying, had no other choice but to veto in its turn the Turkish chapter.

In this way, the NATO mechanism and the normal procedures of the Alliance in the East Mediterranean area, have been blocked as a result of Turkish intransigence.

The Turkish stand, however harmful for the interests of the Alliance it may be, was at any rate revealing for the rest of the member countries.

This crisis showed the "sincerity" of the Turkish "allegiance" to the Alliance. NATO has now, in hand, enough evidence as to where responsibility lies, as far as the problems of NATO in this area are concerned.

It is beyond any doubt that for the solution of this crisis, NATO should work with Ankara, since it is with Turkey, and no other member-states that the trouble originated.

The course of events was as follows:

During the course of the meeting of the defense ministers of NATO held in Brussels on 3 December Turkey finally vetoed Greece's proposal that Greek forces on the island of Lemnos should be included under NATO command.

The natural consequence of Turkey's veto was corresponding vetoing by



NATO Secretary General Lord Carrington told journalists that Greek and Turkish military forces had not been incorporated into and do not, formally or essentially belong to the NATO command. The NATO chief said that Turkey had rejected approval of Greece's formula for troop allocation to NATO command, which included Greek troops and Phantoms stationed on the island of Lemnos. Greece, he said, would not accept participation of the forces Turkey proposed to assign to the Alliance either.

Lord Carrington said that nothing had changed in the relations of either Greece or Turkey with NATO, but expressed hope that a solution

to the problem would be reached within the next few months. He said that the matter was serious for the Alliance, but that he could not see what NATO could do, as it was a bilateral problem between Greece and Turkey. The NATO Secretary General gave assurances that if there was anything which the Alliance could do, it would do it.

This year's meeting of the NATO defense ministers, although held in a calm atmosphere, as the Greek Premier remarked, nevertheless showed up yet again the weaknesses in its south eastern flank caused by the provocation of Turkey.

On the other hand, it was demonstrated — formally and in the presence of the Alliance's defense ministers — where the weakening of the Alliance originates. It is certainly not with Greece, which is prepared to place its forces on the strategically situated island of Lemnos at the disposal of NATO, an offer rejected because of Turkey's veto.

What was also clearly demonstrated was Greece's will and determination to defend the status of the Aegean and its islands. As Andreas Papandreou put it: "The status of the Aegean is not negotiable for any reason whatsoever or under any circumstances."

Greece of the Turkish chapter, that is, on the issue of the Turkish forces to be assigned to NATO.

In view of these developments at the defense ministers' meeting no chapters on Greece and Turkey were included in NATO's defense review and 1985 defense plans will not be submitted by the two countries. This means that neither Greek nor Turkish troops will be incorporated under NATO command for this term.

It is noteworthy that the issue of Greece's right to arm the island of Lemnos was this time presented in a way which went beyond the familiar Greek arguments that the Convention of Montreux (1936) replaced the Treaty of Lausanne (1923) and thus relieved Greece of the obligation of keeping the islands of

Lemnos and Samothrace demilitarized.

It was at the meeting that, for the first time, the Greek Prime Minister, Andreas Papandreou, revealed the existence of two texts of major importance, which he read to the members of the Alliance.

The first, a letter dated 6 May 1936, written by the then Turkish Ambassador in Athens, addressed to the Greek Premier and Defense Minister at the time, on instructions from Ankara, said, inter alia, that militarization of the Greek islands concerned Samothrace and Lemnos (following the Montreux Convention).

"We are in absolute agreement with regard to militarization of those islands, as well as of the islands of Imvros and Tenedos," the letter said, adding that: "As

for the other Greek islands in the Aegean, this is the object of decisions included in Article 13 of the Treaty of Lausanne."

As the Greek Premier pointed out, in this letter Turkey acknowledged for the first time Greece's right to station military forces on Lemnos and Samothrace, on the basis of the Montreux Convention.

The other text consisted of the words of the then Foreign Minister of Turkey, Rousdy Aras in parliament, spoken in the presence of Kemal Ataturk and Ismet Inonu, on 31 July 1936. He said that with regard to Lemnos and Samothrace, "which belong to our neighboring and friendly country Greece and which were demilitarized on the basis of the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne, their demilitarization was invalidated by the

Montreux Convention and for this we are happy".

As Mr Papandreou stressed, "the two texts decisively overturn any Turkish arguments that Lemnos cannot be militarized on the basis of the Treaty of Lausanne."

He said Turkish Defense Minister Zeki Kavuzturk had replied to this statement from a prepared text that Greece was an aggressive power and threatened Turkey's security.

### NATO'S IMMEDIATE PROBLEM

Mr Papandreou reiterated that neither Greek nor Turkish troops were incorporated in the NATO command at present. He said that the Lemnos question and all the other issues concerning Greece's operational control in the Aegean constituted an immediate problem for NATO, which must be solved. He added that Greece's problem could not be ignored by the Alliance, but he could not forecast when a solution would be found.

"The Lemnos problem and, consequently, the Aegean problem, is of immense proportions and this is why they (NATO) do not wish to intervene," he said. "It is a rule for us that, since the Alliance will not solve the Aegean problem, our participation in (Alliance) exercises is not possible," he added.

The Greek Premier said that the Lemnos and Aegean problems were not bilateral issues, adding that the Lausanne, Montreux and Paris accords had determined their status.

He went on to say that if Turkey were to request facilities in the Aegean for maneuvers related to its defense needs, the matter could be discussed, but only if Turkey recognized the Aegean status as de facto and Greece's right to extend its air and sea territory from six to 12 miles.

Mr Papandreou explained that for negotiations to be held, both parties concerned must want to improve their positions from them. In this case, he added, Turkey had only demands.