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**IMPORTANT
REMINDERS**

National Directory

**GRAND PRESIDENT'S
TRAVEL ITINERARY**

June 2-4
District 11 Convention
Dayton, OH

June 9-11
District 17 Convention
Salt Lake City, UT

June 17
Saint Basil's Graduation
Garrison, New York

June 23-25
District 21 Convention
San Jose, CA

July 23-30
Supreme Convention
Orlando, Florida

MERCHANDISE LINKS

**Grand President's
End of Year Message**

*ADDING TO THE GOLDEN MOMENTS
THAT CREATE GOLDEN MEMORIES*

As I sit at my desk ready to compose this message to you, I am once again reminded of the who and what we are. We are the Daughters of Penelope and as such are individually members of a global Sisterhood that is constantly evolving and moving forward, be it as many articulate, at a snail's pace.

We are living testimony to the legacy that our founder Alexandra Apostolides left in our care. Each of us as members of our respective chapters, continue to hold the torch high in our efforts to continue to empower women with the ability to succeed in their life's dreams.

We fight for justice for those less fortunate than ourselves; for the hungry, the infirmed, the aged. We fight to stop human trafficking. We fight against abuse (physical, emotional or spiritual). We fight for equal pay for equal work. We fight for family leave compensation to care for ailing parents or children. We support our military serving in all corners of the globe.

We honor our female military veterans by laying wreaths at their final resting places, by welcoming them into our sisterhood and by including them in our Project Recognize campaign.

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DOP CATALOGUE

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and help support our
mission and goals!**

We lead the parade in volunteerism in each of our communities. We aid in our libraries, in our schools and in our hospitals. We assist in raising funds for helping our wounded warriors through many varied programs, including service and guide dogs. We salute these brave women and men in their effort to stay independent and to fulfill their life's ambitions and dreams.

Everywhere my travels take me, I am impressed with the work and involvement that is being done by our sisters, not for personal glory, but because we all believe that hand up is more important than just a hand out. I see weekend backpacks given to children coming from hungry families. I see women receiving for the first time ever a mammary examination. I see blood drives, clothing drives, food drives, book drives, and driving patients to and from medical care. I have witnessed the most caring hands enfold the elderly who have no one else to comfort them. I see understanding women, helping the parents of very ill children that are hospitalized. I see hundreds of shining eyes and smiling lips when I look across a room, that belong to the women that are part of this amazing organization that Alexandra Apostolides and 6 of her friends baptized THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE.

These and so many more GOLDEN MOMENTS have created numerous GOLDEN MEMORIES for me. I am humbled to be counted among your number and hope that you understand and know in your hearts, that WE are bonded together for all eternity, as friends, as sisters, as keepers of the DREAM, as Daughters of Penelope. As always, I ask each of you to ASPIRE TO KEEP ALEXANDRA'S DREAM ALIVE.

Wishing you and yours a glorious summer, and hoping to see you in Orlando for our annual Supreme Convention!

Most Affectionately in Theta Pi,

Jan

Jan Spanos – Grand President
Daughters of Penelope

**ASPIRE TO KEEP
ALEXANDRA'S DREAM ALIVE**

[Click here to view the Grand President's Bulletin!](#)

Grand President's Travels

The last weekend of April, Grand President Jan travelled to Winnipeg, MB in Canada where she had a lovely time visiting the Daughters of Penelope Elysia Chapter No. 124 and participating in their annual fundraising dinner!



May 3rd was AHEPA Family Capitol Hill Day. AHEPA Family members met with their legislators and staffs, educated legislators about issues of importance to the American Hellenic community, and helped build the hellenic caucus and victims rights caucus. Grand President Jan Spanos, Grand Vice President Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand Secretary Diane Petersen, Past Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Past Grand President Joanne Saltas, Past District Governor 11 Cynthia Hollister, Past District Governor 3 Kathy Matrakas, Past District Governor 11 Charrie

Regopoulos, Past District Governor 5 Antoinette Marousis Zachariades, and Executive Director Elena Saviolakis had a wonderful and productive day on Capitol Hill for the AHEPA Family annual Capitol Hill Day.





After Capitol Hill Day in Washington, DC, Grand President Jan met with Dr. Ludy Green, an expert on U.S. domestic violence and human trafficking issues, as well as an internationally acclaimed speaker. Drawing on her 18 years of experience in the human resources field, Ludy Green founded Second Chance Employment Services to help women at risk find stable employment, assisting them in achieving financial independence. It was a pleasure meeting with Dr. Green and exchanging information on ways to increase domestic violence awareness so that we can end it. You can learn more about Ludy's important work in her book, "Ending Domestic Violence Captivity: A Guide to Economic Freedom," by [clicking here](#).



Before attending the Tri 7-8-9 District Convention on May 6th, Grand President Jan visited Penelope's Place, a DOP National Project, in Brockton, MA.



Grand President Jan Spanos, Grand Governor Lili Respass, Past Grand President Anna-Helene Grossomanides, Past Grand President Joanne Saltas and Sisters from Districts 7, 8, and 9 enjoying dinner and preparing for the Tri-District Convention.



Grand President Jan Spanos speaking at the Tri 7-8-9 District Convention



Growth & Expansion News

HEART OF THE MATTER
*Know that what you do for our fellow
members, makes a real difference!*

By the time you are reading my June Message, May 30th has come and gone. The Countdown to our Growth and Expansion Challenge will have ended. I will be

waiting with anticipation, not to mention excitement, to review our May statistical report.

Once the the May 2017 Membership Statistical Report has been finalized – the compiling of the data will **BEGIN!!**

The Challenge may be over however, the membership drive continues 24/7 in our hearts and minds.

We, the Daughters of Penelope in our 87 years of WISDOM, identify and honor many causes through our organization that display a commitment to member enrichment, to excellence in our human practices, diversity, recognition, retention and more. **We** will always continue to forge ahead, it is the personal connection that makes the difference.

To the Districts who have held their AHEPA Family Conventions in May, and the Districts who will be holding their Conventions in June, please accept my heartfelt best wishes for all your deliberations to excel, to improve, to continue to meet challenges and open the doors of opportunity.



HEART OF THE MATTER
HERITAGE, EDUCATION, ATTITUDE,
RESPECT, TEAM

Sisters, please view the full Growth & Expansion program including upcoming contests by [clicking here](#).

***GOLDEN EFFORTS TO KEEP
ALEXANDRA'S DREAM ALIVE***

With Love in Theta Pi,

Eva Jean Fomalont
Grand Vice President/G&E Chairman

2017 Supreme Convention

The AHEPA Family Supreme Convention is **July 24-30, 2017**. Please [click here](#) to view all of our Supreme Convention related forms and documents including a tentative schedule!

The **Supreme Convention Hotel is Disney's Yacht Club & Beach Resort located a few steps away from Epcot**. [Click here](#) to view additional information regarding the Supreme Convention.

2017 DOP Supreme Convention Ad Book

The Daughters of Penelope is pleased to announce to its members, friends and supporters the establishment of a **DOP Supreme Convention Ad Book**. Our hope is that every chapter, district and even individual members will place an ad in our yearbook. Details including how to [place an ad are available online on our website](#). The deadline is June 15th!

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