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GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Heart of the Matter Power of We



Pinch me someone “Tis the Season” it is hard to believe that the Season of magic, love and giving is upon us.

December is one of my favorite months. The holidays bring families together and provide opportunities for service. Thank you to our Chapters and Districts that give annually to various charitable organizations I’m certain your warmth and generosity is appreciated by those on the receiving line.



It is with much pride as your Grand President that I say to the members that you are involved internationally in national and community projects all thru the year. The Daughters are no stranger to the art of giving and they do not wait for any special season to trigger their generosity and good works.

Compliment Daughters as you continue your legacy of membership to serve with a Servant’s Heart. The Daughters will continue to remain steadfast in its service to the community and in its noble efforts to help individuals in need.

Lastly, this month allows us the opportunity to reflect on this past year. It gives us the *time to evaluate where we’ve been and where we want to be. I hope each of you will* take a few moments and place your direction arrow in the path that will bring you the most happiness in life. As we bring this year to a close, I simply say thank you for your support. Thank you DAUGHTERS and AHEPA Family for the good people you are and, remember, as we strive to be our best, much can be accomplished with the “Power of We” as we stand together.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Let the spirit of love gently fill our hearts and homes.

In this loveliest of seasons

may you find many reasons for happiness.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

*Love in Theta Pi,
Eva Jean Fomalont
Grand President*

GRAND PRESIDENT'S TRAVELS



Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont attended the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation's 27th annual Fall Gala on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Approximately \$60,000 in grants were given to cancer researchers! Grand Governor Zone I Georgette Boulegeris, the toastmaster of the evening, noted the history of the Foundation, noting the generosity of Ahepans throughout the domain and it's Ahepa family principally the Daughters of Penelope has been united behind the common cause of philanthropic support of cancer research. Photo L to R: 5th District AHEPA Cancer Foundation Chair Antoinette Marousis Zachariades, Grand Governor Zone I Georgette Boulegeris, Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, and District Governor No. 5 Dina Fanikos



Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand Treasurer Kathy Bizoukas, Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi, and Grand MOA Advisor Charrie Regopoulos at the 88th Founder's Day Luncheon in San Francisco, CA hosted by EOS Chapter No. 001. Happy Birthday Daughters of Penelope!



Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont escorted by Past Grand Governor Mary Chicos at the 88th Founder's Day Luncheon hosted by EOS Chapter No. 001.



Left to Right: Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi, Past Grand Governor Mary Chicos, Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, and Past Grand President Joanne Booras



Left to Right: Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, EOS Chapter No. 001 Priestess Ackie Argyres, AHEPA Supreme Governor George Booras, Past Grand President Joanne Booras, and District 21 Past Penelope of the Year/EOS Chapter No. 001 Past Chapter President Marion Parashis.



Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, Past Grand Governor Dorothea Williams, District Governor No. 10 Peggy Collias, Thamyris Chapter President Georgia Gianopoulos, and Sisters of Thamyris Chapter No. 272 of Grosse Pointe, MI, at the 15th annual Festival of Tables Festival of Tables in Grosse Pointe, MI, hosted by Thamyris Chapter No. 272 benefiting breast cancer research.



GRAND PRESIDENT'S CURRENT ITINERARY

December 5: Visit with the General Federation of Women's Clubs International President in Washington, DC

December 6: The 3rd Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom in Washington, DC

December 6: Meeting with Sjogren's (a DOP National Project) CEO and Executive Director in Washington, DC

December 16: Saint Basil Academy Christmas Open House in Garrison, NY

January 4-7: Grand Lodge Meeting, Epiphany, & District 2 Chapter Visitations in Tarpon Springs, FL

January 27: Regional Banquet and Workshop in Dallas, TX

February 9: 19th Annual Saint Valentine's Day Ball in St.Laurent, Quebec, Canada hosted by the Montreal AHEPA Family

March 3: Regional Banquet and Workshop in Columbus, OH

March 25: Greek Independence Day Parade in New York City, NY

April/May (Dates TBD): AHEPA Family National Presidents Excursion to Greece

May 16: Capitol Hill Day in Washington, DC

July 22-28: AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Atlantic City, NJ

GROWTH & EXPANSION UPDATE BY GRAND VICE PRESIDENT DEMI THOMAS



Greetings Sisters,

Happy December!

Tis the season of love, renewal, family and friends....

Did you bring in your new member? Our Growth and Expansion is moving along quite nicely. Many chapters are initiating new members and reinstating many more! "Every Sister Bring a Sister" is working! What a wonderful way to end our old year and start our new year.

As the nights get colder and the weather is less predictable why not stop by and pick up a Sister and bring her to your meeting. Remember to reach out to new members. Assign them a mentor. Do something fun at your next meeting.

October/November Challenge has been extended to January 31st.

"Why I am a Daughter of Penelope"

Who will win our first Challenge? I can't wait to see the creative videos we will receive!

Many sisters asked if they could turn in their videos after the deadline so the deadline has been extended. So many of our sisters are busy doing community outreach this time of year maybe you could include some of your activities in your

videos? Remember, your video can be no longer than 3 min. Send it to dopgrandvicepresident@gmail.com. We will post your movies on the Daughter's Facebook page. All entries must be submitted by January 31.

Remember to collect all remaining 2017 dues for your chapter and mail to Headquarters before December 31.

Please also scroll further below to read details on upcoming growth and expansion incentives.

May the timeless message of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with joy now and throughout the coming year!

GROWTH & EXPANSION NEWS

Congratulations to District 5 on initiating a new chapter last night! Grand Vice President Demi Thomas, Grand Governor Zone I Georgette Boulegeris, District Governor No. 5 Dina Fanikos, District Lt. Governor No. 5 Joann Szela, and Past District Governor No. 5 Karen Knicos initiated the Sisters and installed the newly elected Chapter officers.

Welcome Sisters of Chryssida Chapter No. 438 of Union County, NJ!





A MESSAGE FROM GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE I GEORGETTE BOULEGERIS



The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us! On behalf of our Grand President, Eva Jean, and my colleagues on the Grand Lodge I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas, good health and happiness throughout the New Year. Can you believe that 2018 is right around the corner?!

The Sisterhood is busy with their holiday celebrations. Chapters and Districts are all showing their dedication to the Good of the Order through their initiatives and by their generosity. We are making many donations to local charities and working together using the collective talents of all of our Sisters to leave a positive imprint on society. I am so inspired by the good work everyone is doing on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope. Continue to share your activities on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) so that we can all be inspired by your efforts. It is wonderful to see all the good work done by the Sisterhood.

As we make our individual donations to our favorite charities, let us remember to pay our dues so that we all can be counted in the roster of the dedicated Sisters of the Daughters of Penelope (2017 Dues are due by December 31!). Remember that your dues can be remitted to your local chapter or paid online. If you are paying online via our new membership system ([click here for more info on the new membership system](#)), a notification of payment will be sent to your local chapter so that you can be reminded to remit your chapter dues as well. Let us make sure that we are all accounted for! We are seeing a surge in initiations and reinstatements. **Congratulations to District 5 who welcomed a new chapter into their District last night!** It is wonderful to hear of the many initiations that are taking place throughout the Daughters of Penelope domain. Keep up the good work! Continue to celebrate the Sisterhood and welcome new members. It is so exciting to see our Sisterhood grow!

This is the time of the year that we reflect on all of our blessings. The Sisterhood is truly a blessing to all of us. Look around and recognize the individual talents each Sister brings to the organization. Let us take the time to celebrate everyone's talents and contributions to the Order. Together we make a difference. Together we can accomplish anything.

MAIDS OF ATHENA CORNER

Hello Sisters and Kalo Mina!



I want to start off by wishing everyone a blessed holiday season and Merry Christmas. We are well into our year and the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge

continues to be busy at work promoting our projects and programs as well as the ideals of our Sisterhood.

Last month, I visited Albany, NY and held a workshop with the Sisters of Sophia #48 where we discussed a variety of topics, particularly ways to grow and retain their chapter membership. Also, Grand Vice President Tatiana attended the DOP Founder's Day event in San Francisco, CA alongside Grand President Eva Jean, MOA Grand Advisor Charrie, and other members of the DOP Lodge. Grand Governor Vasi led a constructive workshop early in the month at the D2 MOA Fall Conference in Tarpon Springs, Fla., where Sisters from multiple chapters in the District were in attendance and new Sisters were initiated.

For December, the MOA focus is on ensuring that all membership dues and obligations are remitted to headquarters before our December 31 deadline. We are asking all DOP to please be sure to remind and guide your sponsored MOA chapters through this process. As always, contact your MOA Grand Lodge liaison if you have any questions with any of the process or paperwork.

We continue to encourage our chapters to fundraise for both our National Project, St. Basil's Academy, and our President's Project, the Cyprus Children's Fund. Some ways you can support us nationally is by purchasing a raffle ticket, 1 for \$20 or becoming an MOA Sponsor with any dollar amount. All sponsors will be showcased on our banner at the National Convention and our raffle winner will be selected in Atlantic City at this year's convention. Furthermore, you can support our President's Project by purchasing one of our Pi Alpha Spirit Jerseys for \$50 USD (Only available in XS, L, XL, and 2XL). This could be a great gift for one of your Sisters this Christmas season. For other great gift ideas, we are also selling Pi Alpha hats in blue and coral for \$15 USD as well as our Patron of Athena membership for a one time fee of \$75 USD.

Again, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and as always, I thank you for your continued support of the Maids of Athena.

Love in Pi Alpha,

Sophia Shakolas
MOA Grand President

PROJECT RECOGNIZE

Happy Thanksgiving Sisters,

It is the time of the year to be "Thankful" for the love and joy of our Families. This is also the time of the year to share our blessings with others, especially for those who are away serving our Country during the Holidays.

As Sisters we can reach out to our Women in the Military who are stationed away from their Families over the Holidays. We can help by sending packages full of goodies. We can help by contacting your local Blue Star Mothers, who send out packages to arrive before Christmas. Also, your local Church Philoptochos may send out packages during the Holidays.

Sisters you could simply help by picking up some favorites that I have heard they like, Oreos and Malt-O-Meal. But, what would be even better would be some of those amazing Cookies we bake the best.

Please Sisters reach out to our Service Women who look forward to seeing these special packages arriving to brighten their Christmas Holiday.

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PENELOPE'S SCROLL - ONLINE PUBLICATION

Please submit articles for the first issue to penelopesscroll@gmail.com.

All submissions must be made directly to the above Penelope Scroll email address by the deadline date. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please identify yourself and your Chapter Number and District/District Number/Lodge Officer Status in the message line of your email. Also, include the article revision number in the message line in your email.

Please review your submissions carefully before sending. However, if you have a correction, it must be sent as an entirely new submission. In other words, please correct your original article and resend as a revision. The most recent submission will be used for the Scroll.

Officers, please encourage Chapters to participate in the Scroll by sending deadline reminders and subscription forms out with your newsletters and mentioning it in your visitations! Sharing activities and events is the BEST way to get out the name of the Daughters of Penelope and to share ideas with other Sisters.

Deadlines: January 15, 2018 and May 15, 2018

In order to get the Scroll posted in a timely manner, all Penelope Scroll deadlines will be "hard deadlines". All submissions must be made directly to the Penelope Scroll email address by the deadline date. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Article Submission Parameters:

All submissions should be sent in Microsoft Word format as an email attachment.

There is a 200 word maximum for article submissions. Please use Arial 12 Font.

There is a 2 picture limit per article submission. Please include captions with your pictures and post captions just below picture. Also, please note that duplicate pictures will not be published. Pictures will be posted on a first come, first served basis.

You can also request hard copies of the two issues by completing the [form online on our website](#). The cost for 2 issues is \$10.

2017 PER CAPITA DEADLINE & UPCOMING G&E INCENTIVES

The deadline for 2017 dues is December 31, 2017!

Please collect all remaining 2017 dues for your chapter and mail to Headquarters before December 31.

This is a friendly reminder that we are running out of time!

Please also note that according to Article XVI, Section 8, the number of delegates to which a Chapter is entitled shall be determined by the number of members for which per capita tax has been paid and received by Headquarters by the 12/31/2017 deadline (must be postmarked December). This number also yields a greater rebate for your District!

DECEMBER 2017 INCENTIVE: If a NEW member or a delinquent member REINSTATES, and pays per capita plus initiation/reinstatement fee (total of \$50), during the month of December, per capita will count for 2017 AND 2018. Applications and \$50 must be postmarked December to qualify.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018 INCENTIVE: If a delinquent member REINSTATES during the month of January or February, the reinstatement fee of \$15 will be waived. Applications and per capita of \$35 must be postmarked January or February to qualify.

2018 PER CAPITA AND NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

Please submit 2018 per capita by June 2018. Per capita for 2018 is assessed at \$35 annually (passed at Supreme Conventon 2015).

Please note national obligations must be in by March 31, 2018. Please [click here](#) to view the national projects passed at the 2017 Supreme Convention and [click here](#) to download the National Obligations Projects Form. Please note National Obligations are due to Headquarters by March 31, 2018.

2018 AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION

The next AHEPA Family Supreme Convention will be **July 22-28, 2018 at Harrah's Resort & Casino** in Atlantic City, NJ! Save the dates and be on the look out for more info this Winter!

2018 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 or listing in our yearbook. Details on how to [place an ad or listing is available online on our website](#). **The submission deadline is June 15, 2018.**

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