

**A MESSAGE FROM GRAND PRESIDENT DEMI THOMAS
EVERY SISTER BRING A SISTER**

Dear Sisters,



My thoughts and prayers go out to all the people in grief over the tragic fires in Athens, Greece. The Daughters and the AHEPA have mobilized our global resources to alleviate the suffering of those who were devastated by the recent events. We must do our part to help those who have suffered tragic losses. Supreme President George Loucas and I urge our chapters, members, and supporters to provide assistance. We are requesting each chapter give a \$100 donation. Please make donations payable to DOP Charitable Foundation, earmarked for Greece Wildfire Relief. Send to DOP Headquarters, 1909 Q Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20009.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

I am sincerely honored, humbled and extremely excited to address you as your Grand President. I will work tirelessly to assure the Daughters will provide, to our next generations, the wonderful experiences, friendships and support that it has provided to each of us. We will continue to strive to encourage each member to aspire to greater successes and assure the continued growth for the entire Daughters of Penelope.

The Daughters of Penelope as it is today did not happen overnight. We stand on the shoulders of our predecessors who had the vision of creating a Hellenic organization to serve women and their community. They built this organization from the ground up, and we have thrived for over 88 years.

My passion for the Daughters of Penelope and a deep appreciation of our historical importance to our community underlies my vision for the next generation of the Daughters. We should encourage our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to join the Daughters, to continue to build a bridge into the 21st century without forgetting where we came from and those who made this organization what it is today. A sisterhood where women grow, learn, share, have fun and make a difference. To build on our successes, we should involve more women of all generations. Our challenge is to provide a caring network to assist and find ways to help deal with the complexities of life for women today.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the Districts and Chapters. I wish you every success. Καλή επιτυχία! Chapter and District leadership is a key element to achieving our progress and success. While we need to continue to grow our organization, we must not lose sight of supporting the vitality of each and every one of our existing chapters and their current members.

Congratulations to the newly elected Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA George Loucas, Grand President of the Maids of Athena Tatiana Tsaprailis, and the Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles Gregory Vourloumis. We look forward to working together this year hoping to achieve a Daughters chapter, a Maids chapter, and a Sons chapter everywhere there is an AHEPA chapter. I am looking forward to an exciting year where our dynamic Grand Lodge and Sisters will work together to make this an organization where every sister brings a sister, every sister mentors a sister, every sister helps a sister, and every sister celebrates a sister.

2018-2019 GRAND LODGE

In addition to Grand President Thomas, the following individuals were elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge:

Grand Vice President Celia Kachmarski of Calgary, AB, Canada;
Grand Secretary Kathy Bizoukas of Munster, IN;
Grand Treasurer Georgette Boulegeris of Bedminster, NJ;
Grand Governor Zone I Kathy Matrakas of Silver Spring, MD;
Grand Governor Zone II Stella Sirks of Orlando, FL;
Grand Governor Zone III Demi Cross of Cheyenne, WY;
Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi of Spokane, WA;
Grand Governor Zone V Margaret Dritsas of Ottawa, ON, Canada;
and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Charrie Regopoulos of Springsboro, OH.



In Photo Front Row L to R: Grand Vice President Celia Kachmarski, Grand President Demi Thomas, and Grand Treasurer Kathy Bizoukas. Back Row L to R: Grand MOA Advisor Charrie Regopoulos, Grand Governor Zone IV Marianthi Treppiedi, Grand Governor Zone III Demi Cross, Grand Governor Zone II Stella Sirks, and Grand Governor Zone I Kathy Matrakas.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The 89th Founder's Day Celebration will take place on November 17th at the Lake Merced Golf Club at 2300 Junipero Serra Blvd. in Daly City, CA. For more information, please contact EOS Chapter President No. 001 Eva Skoufis at skoufis@sbcglobal.net or Founders Day Committee Chair Kathleen Bardis at kcourtney@xdm.com.

The Daughters of Penelope were founded on November 16, 1929. This year we celebrate 89 wonderful years! Plan a special celebration for your chapter to recall the wisdom and vision of our founding Sisters when they formed the first Chapter, EOS No. 1, in San Francisco. At the age of 33, Alexandra Apostolides was inspired and encouraged by members of the AHEPA to form a women's organization to work with AHEPA. She gathered 25 women together to form the Daughters of Penelope.

Alexandra was instrumental in establishing 95 additional chapters of the Daughters of Penelope and became the first Grand President in 1931. She advocated the pursuit of knowledge and higher learning. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, a great accomplishment for a woman at that time, particularly one born in Greece who had immigrated to the United States with her father at the age of 10. Alexandra was a poet and a writer. She envisioned a more progressive and involved role that afforded Greek American women the opportunity to greatly contribute to both their Hellenic and American communities. Alexandra emphasized the importance of ethnicity and patriotism and consistently stressed the importance of kindness and love towards one another.

Alexandra was an inspiration to all who met her.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings Sisters,



My name is Celia Kachmarski and I have the honor of serving as the Grand Vice President for this coming year. I was raised in a Saskatoon, SK however have lived most of my adult life in Calgary, AB home of the 1988 Winter Olympics and the annual Calgary Stampede. I have been a member for 50 years and have held many offices on the Chapter, District and on the Grand Lodge. I look forward to meeting with sisters as I promote Growth and Expansion this year. I hope you will share some of your ideas for building membership by bringing in new members and renewing members. Let's remember to celebrate our many accomplishments throughout the year. I am excited to work with my Sisters on the Grand Lodge to promote the mission and programs of the Daughters of Penelope.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Greetings Sisters,



My name is Kathy Bizoukas and I am honored to serve you as your newly elected Grand Secretary for the upcoming year. I am so excited to serve the Daughters of Penelope for yet another year, just in a different capacity. I have served the order as Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena for (2) years and last year as the Grand Treasurer.

I was born and raised in Indiana. My love for the AHEPA family started when I was initiated into the Maids of Athena just days after my 14th birthday. I am celebrating my 43rd year in the AHEPA family this year. My home chapter is Pleiades Chapter #50, in Hammond, IN. My parents, George and Cleopatra Bizoukas are very proud members of the AHEPA family and have been involved since 1958.

I am thrilled to say that my liaison districts for this year are; Power District #4, Hoosier District #12, and Blue Ribbon District #13. I look forward to traveling to these districts, meeting more of the AHEPA family, and serving our wonderful organization. As I always say, For the Love of the Daughters....

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND TREASURER

Greetings Sisters,



My name is Georgette Boulegeris and I am honored to serve as the 2018-2019 Grand Treasurer of the Daughters of Penelope. I transitioned from my membership in the Maids of Athena to the Daughters of Penelope over 30 years ago. I previously served the Grand Lodge as Grand Governor Zone I. I am a member of Tethys #229, New Brunswick, NJ. I served the Order in almost every capacity on the Chapter and District Level. I was the first Daughter of Penelope of my district to serve as chairman of the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation. Nationally, I participated in and chaired various National committees. I had the honor to serve as chairman of the Supreme Convention twice. I am also a past president of the Daughters of Penelope Educational Foundation.

My professional life is in the educational field. I was a primary teacher as well as a middle school social studies teacher. Currently I am a middle school principal in Somerville, NJ. Under my leadership my school was nationally recognized and honored as a "School to Watch" by the National Title 1 organization. I am an active communicant of the St. George Greek Orthodox church community in Piscataway, NJ. I am the daughter of Mary Karnoupakis Boulegeris, the late George M. Boulegeris, and the sister of the late Michael G. Boulegeris of Atlanta, GA.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE I

Greetings Sisters,



My name is Kathy Lambros Matrakas. I am from District 3, Hermione Chapter 11, Washington, D.C., where I was born. I have served as Hermione President and most recently completed service on the District 3 Lodge, as the DOP District Advisor, having also served as District Governor for 2 years. I also served in the MOA in the Muses Chapter, Washington, D.C. My husband, Ted, mother, father, yiayia (blessed memory), are all part of the AHEPA family. My husband and I reside in Silver Spring, MD.

I am a veteran and part of our Project Recognize, having served as a Nurse Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, retiring as Captain with over 30 years of service. I am humbled and honored to be serving as Grand Governor, Zone 1 and I look forward to working with the Grand Lodge Sisters to learn more about our international Sisterhood and the many talents and philanthropic efforts we support. I am also looking forward to serving as Liaison to Districts 3, 5 and 7. I look

forward to renewing friendships and meeting new Sisters and wish all Sisters a productive and fun year for the good of our DOP Order and Sisterhood!

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE II

Greetings Sisters,



My name is Stella Nicolau Sirks. I was born in Jackson, Michigan a long, long time ago. I now reside in Orlando, Florida with my AHEPA, husband Jim. We have been married for 42 years. Our combined family consists of 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grand daughters.

I am so very excited to continue my journey as Grand-Governor of Zone II again, and to work with our President Demi Thomas and my other Sisters of our Lodge. The Districts that I will be responsible for are District 1, 8 and 17. I cannot wait to meet all of you and work on opening new doors and doing great things. Thank you again for this opportunity, I will do my best to serve you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE III

Dear Sisters,



I am Demi Cross and it was an honor to have been elected to a second term as Grand Governor Zone III, and, to work with our President, Demi Thomas, and the others Sisters of the Grand Lodge. I am very pleased Grand President Demi appointed me Grand Lodge Liaison for Delta District #16, Golden Gate District #21, and Firwood District #22. I look forward to meeting the Sisters and officers of the districts and to work together for the goals and objectives of our Order. I was born in New York City to parents who were both members of the AHEPA family. When I was young, we moved to San Diego, California where I started my adventure to become a Daughter of Penelope in Chapter #142 in El Camino Real District #20. I served in various offices including Chapter President. Presently I am a member of Ricky Mountain District #17, Olympus Chapter 6. I served on the district as Marshall, Lt. Governor, and Governor

My professional career began as a teacher of Home Economics foods and nutrition. I was a Director of a Senior Citizen Center and a Consumer Service Director for a large retail operation.

I live with my husband, Rory in Cheyenne, Wyoming and am the financial officer for our family cattle operation.

I am excited to continue serving as Grand Governor Zone III and liaison to District #16, #21, and #22.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE IV

Greetings Sisters,



My name is Marianthi Treppiedi and I am honored and humbled to be serving as Grand Governor Zone 4 for a second year. I come from Firwood District 22, the Evergreen State of Washington and the beautiful City of Spokane. I have been married to my husband Rocky for 44 years and we have three grown children and seven wonderful grandchildren.

My values include treating everyone with respect, kindness and integrity. I believe in giving back to my community and my passion is my Greek Heritage through the Daughters of Penelope. I joined the AHEPA family as a young girl with the Maids of Athena and now continue to serve the Daughters of Penelope through my Chapter, District and now the Grand Lodge. I am looking forward to serving as the Liaison for Districts 2, 10, 11 and 14.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE V

Greetings Sisters,



My name is Margaret Dritsas and I am honored to be serving as Grand Governor Zone V. I am a graduate of the Faculty of Civil Law of the University of Ottawa and am skilled in conflict resolution, machinery of government, international negotiations and agreements, nonprofit organizations, negotiations and mediation, government relations, regulatory process, team building, and public speaking.

I am an active member of the Hellenic Community of Ottawa and have been a member of the Daughters of Penelope, Ottawa Chapter, Euphrosyne 292 since 2003-2004. I served as Chapter President and Vice-president for over 10 years until 2015. During my presidency, I co-chaired the AHEPA Family Canadian Parliamentary Banquet. From 2013-2017, I was the District 23 Maids of Athena Advisor, during my tenure the Maids of Athena District 23 Lodge was reinstated.

I look forward to visiting and serving the sisters as Liaison to Districts 23, 24, and 26.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MOA ADVISOR

Greetings Sisters,



My name is Charrie Regopoulos and I am your returning Grand Maids of Athena Advisor for the Daughters of Penelope. I am honored and inspired to work another year with the Grand Maids of Athena Lodge and all our youth. I enthusiastically support Supreme President George Loucas and Grand President Demi Thomas while promoting our youth and look forward to activating new Maids chapters and working with the entire Ahepa Family.

I am a native Hoosier, born in Indianapolis, IN and was initiated into the Maids with my two sisters by my mother who was President many years ago. My parents were diehard Daughters and Ahepans. My father lived his passion of creating and facilitating affordable housing for the elderly, known as Ahepa Housing and opened several projects before his death.

My husband, Nick and I met at the Toledo District Convention the year he became District #11 Governor. We married two years later and now share six wonderful children and four grandchildren.

I love what the Ahepa Family stands for and am thrilled to be a part of a fabulous Grand Lodge.

GROWTH AND EXPANSION AWARDS 2017-2018



The 2017-2018 Every Sister Bring a Sister Growth & Expansion Program was very successful thanks to the efforts of all of our Members and Chapters. The culmination of the program took place at the Atlantic City, New Jersey Convention with the presentation of the following awards. Congratulations to the following Chapters and Districts and thank you to all who participated in the challenges!

- Chapter with the Most initiates over 50 members: Athinaides Chapter #430 Moshato, Attiki, Greece
- Chapter with the Most Initiates under 50 members: Orpheus Chapter #297 London, Ontario, Canada, Mycenae Chapter #220 Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Alope Chapter #158 Albany, New York

- Chapter with the Most Reinstatements over 50 members: Medusa Chapter #345 Hicksville, New York
- Chapter with the Most Reinstatements under 50 members: Helenos Chapter #432 Phoenix, Arizona, Niriides Chapter #423 Komotini, Greece, and Karyatides Chapter #271 Athens, Greece
- District with the Most New Members: Garden States District #5
- District with the Most Reinstatements: Beaver District #23
- District with the Most Members: Garden District #5
- District with the Largest Maids of Athena Increase: Empire State District #6

2018 DISTRICT GOVERNORS' SEMINAR

District Governors of the Daughters of Penelope will meet in Washington, D.C. on September 22, 2018, for the annual District Governors' Conference, to learn more about and discuss Daughters of Penelope goals, programs and projects, and plan the year for their District. The AHEPANs, Sons and Maids will also meet.

The exchange of ideas and information is an important aspect of empowering our leaders to assure outstanding success in the year ahead. **The Daughters of Penelope are proud to have Nancy Bocskor, Professor at The George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management, as the 2018 District Governors' Seminar speaker.**

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic violence thrives when we are silent; but if we take a stand and work together, we can end domestic violence. Throughout the month of October, help the Daughters of Penelope raise awareness about domestic violence and join in our efforts to end violence. Here is what you can do:

Make a donation to the Daughters of Penelope earmarked for Penelope House and Penelope's Place, two of our national projects which are family domestic violence shelters.

Wear purple -- the color of Domestic Violence Awareness Month -- during the month of October and use this as a way to tell others why ending domestic violence is important to you. Be sure to post your pictures via your social media accounts to help spread the word. Use #domesticviolence and #enddv when posting.

Stay tuned for our Daughters of Penelope Action Alerts and *take action* to help raise awareness about domestic violence.

2018-2019 DISTRICT GOVERNORS

District 1: Irene Fotos

District 2: Ourania Stephanides

District 3: Eleanor Lynn Francis

District 4: Tamie Shaffer

District 5: Joann Szela

District 6: Frances Lutfy

District 7: Marianne Boutsoulis

District 8: Katerina Mihelioudakis

District 9: Catherine Blougouras

District 10: Dorothea Williams

District 11: Joyce Anagnos

District 12: Cleopatra Bizoukas

District 13: Stacy Katsibaros

District 14: Peggy Sperides

District 16: Katina Tassopoulos

District 17: Pam Martinez

District 20: Catherine Keyser

District 21: Foula Vasilogiorgis

District 22: Robbie Jackson

District 23: Xanthe Vafopoulou

District 24: Christina Andrews

District 25 Liaison: Maria Sofianou

European Liaison: Athanasia Vassiliadou

2018-2019 NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

Archives: Tessie Bourdamis

Athletic Hall of Fame Award & Zoe Cavalaris Athletic Award:
Katina Tassopoulos

Budget & Finance: Cynthia Hollister

Credentials: Angela Philipps

DOP Foundation, Inc.: Deb Chrisohou

GP Advisory Board: Helen Beldecos, PGP, Eva Jean Fomalont, PGP, and Evelyln Tsiadis, PGP

Greek American Women in US Armed Forces: Tina Bullock

Grand Counselor: Barbara Staviv Wolf, PGP

Grievance: Karen Knicos

Legislation & By-Laws: Christina Andrews

Maids of Athena: Charrie Regopoulos, GMOA

Penelope of the Year: Christine Markos

Penelope House: Barbara Maligas, PGG

Penelope's Place: Tina Niedbala

Projects: Alice Mikhail

Saint Basils Academy: Cookie Patelos

Salute to Women: Past Grand Presidents Joanne Booras and Eva Jean Fomalont

2018-2019 CONVENTION AD BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

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. We thank you in advance for your support!

Information on how to place an ad are available online on our website (under the Forms tab, click on Forms and More).

Chapters, Districts, and Members can purchase a full page color ad for \$125 or have their name listed in the DOP Year-book as a Convention Sponsor for \$50. **Deadline is May 1, 2019.**

2018-2019 NATIONAL PROJECTS

At the 2018 Supreme Convention in Atlantic City, NJ, the Daughters of Penelope selected three mandatory projects and three voluntary charitable projects for the 2018-2019 National Obligations year.

They are:

Mandatory Obligations:

- 1) Domestic Family Violence Center: Penelope House, Mobile, AL
- 2) Domestic Family Violence Center: Penelope's Place, Brockton, MA
- 3) Limbitless Solutions

Voluntary Obligations:

- 1) Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc.
- 2) Penelopean Day Care Center – Athens, Greece
- 3) The Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation

**For more information on our National Projects, please visit our website at www.daughtersofpenelope.org.*

Please note National Obligations are due into Headquarters by March 31, 2019.

2018-2019 AHEPA FAMILY PRESIDENTS



Congratulations also to AHEPA Supreme President George Lucas of Cleveland, OH, Sons of Pericles Supreme President Gregory Vourloumis of Atlanta, GA, and Maids of Athena Grand President Tatiana Tsaprailis of Calgary, Alberta, Canada!

2019 AHEPA FAMILY CAPITOL HILL DAY

Capitol Hill Day will be Spring of 2019 in Washington, DC. More info coming soon!

2019 AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION



Our next AHEPA Family Supreme Convention will be June 30-July 5, 2019, at the Palmer Hotel in Chicago, IL!

It promises to be an exciting week so save the dates! Details including a tentative schedule and hotel reservation information will be available soon. Hope to see you there!

A MESSAGE FROM THE AHEPA SUPREME PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters,



Greetings! To say, it is an honor to serve this year as Supreme President is an understatement! The honor is blessed further by being able to work with Grand President, Demi Thomas, and the entire Grand Lodge. We have a stacked deck with strong lodges across all four national orders.

This year, working together, we look forward to helping our Hellas family in Greece, with the devastating Wild Fires raging across the land with our fundraising goal, hosting a few regional banquets across this great country of ours and forging closer bonds with our brothers and sisters abroad. We each have our own specific mission, but with synchronization and coordination we lay a path forward with greater success!

Sincerely,

George E. Loucas
Supreme President
Order of AHEPA

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOP SUPREME PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters,



I want to send my sincerest welcome and greeting to all of the Sisters in the Daughters of Penelope! I would first like to congratulate Sister Demi Thomas on her election as Grand President. It is my distinct honor to represent the Sons of Pericles and I want to thank the Brothers who have entrusted me and the entire Lodge to this upcoming term. The Sons of Pericles have been in existence since 1926. Through those many years—influential men have held this position. I hope to honor their legacy while leading the organization forward. Likewise, our other Orders are in such great hands with, Brother Loucas, Sisters Thomas and Tsaprailis. I look forward to working alongside these remarkable people.

I would be remiss to not mention the mutual love and support the Sons have for the Daughters of Penelope. In recent years, it has been noted whether in Lodge calls or in casual conversations, the amount of support we get from the DOP. Personally, when traveling to various districts or conventions, it's like never leaving home. There is a village of Sisters who welcome and support you, it's truly inspiring.

The Sons of Pericles are hitting the new term running coming off a great Supreme Convention in Atlantic City. Up first on the docket is the Governors Conference, with the hotel block already sold out we're expecting a larger turnout of the Youth Orders. We look forward to building on the existing relationship(s) with our older Sisters and creating new ones come this September. True to our group's tradition, the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena remain strongly committed to raising money for our National Project. This year's National Project is "Το Χαμόγελο του παιδιού" (*The Smile of the Child*)— a child welfare organization based in Athens Greece. We believe this national project will allow all of our members across United States, Canada, and Greece to get behind.

We are encouraged by the positive trajectory of our Order and are excited that our solid partnership will enable us to reach greater heights as an AHEPA Family. To the elected Sisters, the newcomers, the steadfast loyalist— on behalf of the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge, I wish you a productive and fruitful year!

With warmest regards,
Brother Gregory Vourloumis

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAIDS OF ATHENA GRAND PRESIDENT TATIANA TSAPRAILIS

Dear Sisters,



I am humbled and honored to be addressing you as the Grand President of the Maids of Athena. Congratulations to Supreme President George Lucas, Grand President Demi Thomas, Supreme President Gregory Vourloumis, and their respective lodges on their elections. The Maids of Athena Grand Lodge looks forward to continued collaboration and growth between all four orders of the AHEPA Family.

The newly elected Maids of Athena Grand Lodge consists of Grand Vice President Theodora Ronstadt, Chicago, IL; Grand Secretary Maria Ana Pantelous, Cherry Hill, NJ; Supreme Treasurer Michel Legato, Albany, NY; and Grand Governor Kyra Vidas, Chicago, IL. Throughout the upcoming year, the MOA Grand Lodge will be focusing their efforts on membership retention and growth, as well as our philanthropic efforts. Through their determination, dedication, and enthusiasm for our Order, the newly elected Grand Lodge will work diligently achieve new heights for the organization.

Moreover, the Maids of Athena, alongside the Sons of Pericles, are committed to raising money towards Hamogelo tou Paidiou as a joint National Project. We will also be fundraising for the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance, an organization I have selected for my President's Project in honour of my life-long friend and role model Past Grand Treasurer to the Maids of Athena, Sister Penelope Alefantis. Aside from these two worthy causes, the Maids of Athena will also be fundraising for Penelope's Place, a domestic violence shelter located in Brockton, MA.

Lastly, the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge has selected *philotimo* as our yearlong theme. By embodying the idea of *philotimo*, the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge will strive to promote education, civic responsibility, Hellenism, and community service, while working alongside the rest of the AHEPA Family.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of my lodge members, should you ever need anything. On behalf of the entire Maids of Athena Grand Lodge, we extend our best wishes for a successful year!

PENELOPE'S SCROLL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please submit articles to penelopesscroll@gmail.com. Please identify yourself including Chapter#, District#, and Title in the message line of your email. Also, include the article revision number in the message line in your email if applicable.

Please review your submissions carefully before sending. However, if you have a correction, it must be sent as an entirely new submission. 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: Mark your calendars Sisters! There are two (2) issues of the Scroll planned for this year. The article submission deadlines are: **January 15th and May 15th**. All submissions must be made directly to the Penelope Scroll email address by the deadline date.

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.

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2018 ATLANTIC CITY, NJ SUPREME CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



PGP Eva Jean Fomalont (Right) pinning the Grand President's National Pin onto newly elected and installed Grand President Demi Thomas (Left) at the Installation Ceremony



Past Grand Presidents with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America at the Grand Banquet



Beautiful photo of our Sisters from Canada, Australia, Greece, Germany, and Brussels at the Supreme Convention



L to R: PGP Eva Jean Fomalont, 2018 Zoe Cavalaris Honoree Gianna Hatheway, and Athletics Chairman Katina Tassopoulos

Congratulations to the International Koulouraki Winner, Effie Galiatsatos, of Demetra Chapter No. 33 in Brooklyn, NY!



Past Penelope of the Year Recipients in Atlantic City, NY



Past Grand Presidents and Salute to Women Co-Chairmen Joanne Saltas and Anna-Helene Grossomanides and Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont with Distributing Dignity Founders Joanie Balderstone and Rebecca McIntire. Chairmen Joanne and Anna-Helene presented a beautiful crystal vase with the DOP emblem to the Founders along with a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope. Sisters of the Delegation also presented checks, gift cards, and donated several gift bags of new bras and feminine hygiene products.

DOP FOUNDATION, INC. MESSAGE

To my fellow Sisters of the Daughters of Penelope,



Firstly, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your enduring support - year after year - of the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. and, in turn, our scholarships and outreach programs. Many of you may wonder “*Whatever happens to those funds that we pledge to the Foundation year after year on our mandatory/voluntary obligations form?*” and I am here to tell you that every penny from scholarship donations that we get from headquarters goes straight out to deserving young women towards their aspirations of higher education. Each year, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. names these annual scholarships after all of you – ***The Daughters of Penelope Undergraduate Scholarships*** – and we receive applications for these scholarships from members, children and grandchildren of the AHEPA Family world-wide. In 2018, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. was able to award seven scholarships of \$1,000 each – all because of your donations. Thank you – and please know ALL your collective scholarship donations – big or small – have touched so many young women in helping to make their dreams of higher education come true.

Currently, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. are underwriting a community outreach grant program called the “***Bridges Incentive Grant Program***”. The program was established to recognize and support local and district endeavors that build bridges between the Daughters of Penelope and the communities we live in, while promoting the ideals of the Daughters of Penelope through community service and family excellence. Grants are awarded to local, qualified 501(c)3 charities that individual chapters/districts have supported with donations themselves. Because you give to the Foundation, we would like to help you support the charities in your community which are important to your chapter/district. Please go to our website (<http://dopfoundationinc.com/projects/bridges-incentive-program>) to find out more information about how your chapter or district can apply for this grant.

Additionally, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. is constantly working to acquire more scholarships for students. Through the sales of books – whether it be the books selected from our Book Club purchased through Amazon, or the book of poems written by our founder, Alexandra Apostolidis Sonenfeld called “Wisdom”, or the books sold at our National Conventions – the foundation is building funding towards a new ***Literacy Scholarship*** which we hope will fulfill its \$20,000 requirement in the next few years. Please know that the proceeds from every book you buy from the Foundation – whether directly or indirectly - goes toward this perpetual scholarship. As well, the Foundation, with the help of our Scholarship Chairman – Sister Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades - is working to build a “***Pay it Forward***” ***Scholarship***. If you or anyone in your family or circle of friends has ever received a scholarship from the foundation – please consider paying it forward and making a donation to this scholarship fund so you can help others reach their education goals in perpetuity. More information on this program can be found on our website at <http://dopfoundationinc.com/scholarships/pay-forward-scholarship>.

I am looking forward to this coming year and working with our Grand Lodge and all our members for “*greater accomplishments in Thy Name*”.

Yours in Theta Pi,

Despina Chrisohou
President, Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc.
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2018 NATIONAL PENELOPE OF THE YEAR

The Penelope of the Year program of the Daughters of Penelope was instituted in 1958. Through this program members at the Supreme Convention each year, select a recipient who is recognized as an outstanding Daughter of Penelope, who excels in contributions and service to the Daughters of Penelope throughout her many years of service, as well as having participated significantly in the Greek Community, to civic and charitable organizations, to various civic endeavors, and has served and provided unselfish assistance to the Daughters of Penelope and her community

An application form for a qualified member is submitted by a chapter to the District Committee or Chairman. At the District Convention of each District, delegates review and select a District Penelope of the Year. A pin is presented to recognize the District Penelope of the Year in recognition of this achievement. The application of each District's Penelope of the Year is then submitted to the Supreme Convention Penelope of the Year Committee Chairman for consideration. At the Supreme Convention delegates serving on the Penelope of the Year Committee select the Sister who is recognized as the International Penelope of the Year. Her example of outstanding and distinguished service serves as an inspiration to all Sisters throughout the Daughters of Penelope domain.

The 2018-2019 Penelope of the Year recipient is Helen Nicholas of Loveland Ohio!

Sister Helen is a 53 year member of the Daughters of Penelope and is a member of the Calypso Chapter No. 13 in Buckeye District No. 11. Helen was raised in Weirton, WV and grew up working in her father's bakery where she learned cake decorating.

She graduated from Weir High School in College Preparation. Attended Bethany College in Bethany, WV. Graduated with a degree In Economics and Business Education Economics. Upon graduation she worked at the VA Neuropsychiatric Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. in the personnel department.

She met her husband, Nick, at the AHEPA Basketball tournament in Pittsburgh and were married later in 1958. She worked for a short period of time at the Social Security Administration and went on to work in the Recruitment Office in Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation. In 1960 she moved to Weirton, WV and started a family. She had four boys – George, Eugene, Dean and Nick.

She was initiated in the Pallas Athene Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope. In 1971, she moved to New Lenox, IL where her girl, Julie Ann was born. She then joined the Thyestes Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope. Nick and Helen chaired the AHEPA 13th District Convention and were honored as the Family of the Year. Helen was the Fifth Grade Sunday School Teacher for 15 years at our All Saints Greek Orthodox Church.

Helen always had a secret desire to be a teacher so she enrolled in Lewis University and received her Education degree. In 1988 she received her Masters Degree in Education. She started teaching third grade in 1975 and went on to finish teaching 7th and 8th grades. Her last two years in teaching were spent at President of the Teacher's Union.

In 1996 she moved to Cincinnati, OH where she joined the Calypso Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope. In 2008 she received the Outstanding President Past District Governors Award. After her term as President, she went on the District Lodge as the Secretary. She served as Lieutenant Governor, Lieutenant Governor-Treasurer and Governor.

For the last five years Helen has been a volunteer once-a-week in the church office and a church greeter.

Helen now has 9 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and is fortunate to spend time with them.

Congratulations Helen on this well-deserved honor!

2018-2019 GROWTH & EXPANSION

By Celia Kachmarski
Grand Vice President

Every Member Matters | Success, one Sister at a Time



It was such an honor to be elected to the office of Grand Vice President. As Grand Vice President it is my responsibility to work with the Chapters and Districts to build and sustain membership. I believe, and I think we can all agree, new membership is the lifeline of any organization, necessary for all organizations. Last year we were very fortunate under the guidance of Grand Vice President Demi Thomas to open new Chapters and build membership. Let us strive this year to educate, motivate and celebrate our members to continue that growth. Word of mouth is the most powerful way to build membership. If we are excited about the Daughters of Penelope that excitement is infectious. When we are energized, we energize others around us. Remember to have membership applications close by at all functions. Imagine if every Chapter initiated 1 or 2 new members or reinstated 1 or 2 delinquent members. That would have impact on our statistics. I cannot do this alone. As I said in my nomination speech at the Supreme Convention I will be calling on you to help me by sharing your ideas, your stories and your successes because your successes can be our

successes: **One Sister at a Time.**

Growing our Sisterhood is a team event combining the talents of the Grand Lodge, the Districts and Chapters. I have been a member of the Daughters of Penelope for over 50 years but a member of the AHEPA family for much longer. I know from experience that many hands make light work so I am reaching out to all of you to join hands with me to grow and nurture and share our organization with others.

2018 ZOE CAVALARIS AWARD

The Daughters of Penelope is proud to announce the 2018 Zoe Cavalaris Award recipient, **Gianna Marie Hatheway.**



Academically, Gianna was one of the top students in her class with an impressive 4.6 GPA. She was in the National Honor Society from 2016 to 2018 and on the Honor Roll as well at Massillon Washington High School. She was chosen as 2018 Massillon Rotary Teen of the Month, 2018 Massillon City School Student of the Month, 2018 Massillon City Schools "Leaving a Legacy" Award Recipient, and 2018 Massillon City "Student of the Year."

Gianna was on the boys' golf team for three years all while trying to start a girls' golf team that materialized her senior year thanks to her determination. While making the girls' golf team a reality, she was also the senior captain of the girls' soccer team throughout high school. Gianna was 1st Team All County Girls Golf for this year and honorable mention for All County Girls Soccer in 2014 and 2018. During high school, Gianna participated in the pep club, Spanish club, music club, drama club, advisory board, and was the 2018 Homecoming Queen at her high school. In addition, Gianna was in the First Tee of Canton Volunteer Program as a coach from 2014 to 2018, GOYA Co-President this year, Maids of Athena

Chapter Vice President this year, and St. Haralambos Hellenic Dance Troupe Secretary this year. Gianna is also an active Hartville Migrant Center volunteer.

Gianna will be attending Ohio State University in the fall of 2018. Her plan after graduating college is to pursue medical school and ultimately a career as a pediatric doctor. Her goal in life is to not only help children as a pediatric doctor but also to spread kindness onto others and to bring hope into the world.

Gianna's golf achievements, academic record, leadership qualities both on the athletic field and in school, and her volunteer work in the community, make her an outstanding female athlete.

DOP NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM IMPORTANT NOTES

Please go to the MEMBERS tab of our website to read the tutorial on how to use the new system. You will also find the link to the new system under the MEMBERS tab.

Headquarters has identified you as a user in the system. However to create a password, you must follow the instructions in the tutorial mentioned above.

- The top four officers in each District and the top four chapter officers can view chapter reports and rosters.
- When entering in a chapter, please enter the chapter in a 3 digit format. For example, Hermione Chapter 11 should be entered in as 011. Districts should be entered in as a 2 digit format. For example, District 3 as 03.
- Chapters who wish to continue to mail a check and billing for dues are certainly welcome to do so. However membership cards will only be available online.
- Existing members can renew their membership via credit card online. If you do not wish to pay for your dues via credit card, you must submit a check to your chapter as done previously. Individuals cannot submit dues to Headquarters via check; only online or through their chapter.
- Members who wish to pay back dues for years missed must send their payment through their chapter via check as done previously.
- Members paying online will receive an e-receipt detailing the transaction with a note to remit chapter dues to their chapter in order to be in good standing. A copy of this receipt will be e-mailed to the Chapter President, Chapter Secretary, and Chapter Treasurer (please make sure valid emails are listed on the election result and mailed to HQ) so as to indicate an online payment has been made by the particular member and therefore chapter dues must be collected.
- Headquarters will no longer print membership cards as the card is available via the new system. Members can view/print e-membership cards directly from their profile. The top four Chapter Officers also have the ability to print all members' cards.
- For any questions and assistance, please send an email to dopmembership@ahepa.org.

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