

**A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND PRESIDENT
THE POWER OF WE - EVA JEAN FOMALONT**



This is my first official president's message for our members and it is a humbling responsibility to address all of our Daughters of Penelope. I will do my best to provide you with insight into our organization. So many unique aspects attracted me to Daughters of Penelope decades ago, now even more have compelled me to stay these many years. Chief among them are the People and the Culture. One aspect in particular made an immediate and lasting impression on me - a rule that has served as a guiding principle above all others, championed by our beloved founder Alexandra Apostolides - the Golden Rule. It is so simple yet so profound. "Treat others the way you wish to be treated."

Welcome to the beginning of what I hope will be an exciting and productive voyage. Like many such adventures, it begins with a ritual: The installations of new officers for our local, districts and national organization. And like many adventures, it will be marked by challenges and tests. I welcome each of you to the beginning of what I know will be an exciting and productive voyage for our members and leaders in the coming year. I intend to communicate with you frequently over the next 12 months and visit you in your Districts and Chapters, Our first gathering will be the District Governors Seminar in Washington DC.

The key to having a successful voyage - is to overcome those challenges - is to keep a destination in mind. After all, as someone said, "If you don't know where you're going, any direction will do." A known destination, on the other hand, provides focus. As Daughters of Penelope members we all have individual organizational goals we want to accomplish and although each local and district may have unique circumstances that drive their goals, we also share the mission of the AHEPA family.

My commitment to you is the **POWER OF WE**, to work closely with and for the Daughters of Penelope, our Brother AHEPANS, the Maids of Athena and Son of Pericles. It is time for us to remember our roots and work in tandem to strengthen our AHEPA Family.

"Individually, WE are but one Drop. Together, WE are an Ocean."

Your Grand Lodge officers are committed to 5 general goals we seek to achieve:

- ◆ Nurturing members
- ◆ Maintain near-term readiness
- ◆ Preparing for the future
- ◆ Assuring a quality of service
- ◆ Aligning our resources

In this first issue I would like you to meet the 2017- 2018 Grand Lodge Officers.

2017 DISTRICT GOVERNORS' SEMINAR

District Governors of the Daughters of Penelope will meet in Washington, D.C. on September 16, 2017, 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 Janet Trautwein, Executive Vice President & CEO of The National Association of Health Underwriters, as the 2017 District Governors' Seminar speaker.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

2017-2018 GRAND LODGE

In addition to Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, the following individuals were elected to serve on the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge for 2017-2018:

Grand Vice President Demi Thomas of Ridgewood, NJ;
Grand Secretary Celia Kachmarski of Calgary, AB, Canada;
Grand Treasurer Kathy Bizoukas of Munster, IN;
Grand Governor Zone I Georgette Boulegeris of Bedminster, NJ;
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 Dimitra Vassilas of Vancouver, BC, Canada;
and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Charrie Regopoulos of Spingsboro, OH.



Front Row L to R: Grand Secretary Celia Kachmarski, Grand Vice President Demi Thomas, Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, 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 I Georgette Boulegeris, and Grand Governor Zone II Stella Sirks

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The 2017 Founder's Day Celebration will take place on November 18th 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.

The Daughters of Penelope were founded on November 16, 1929. This year we celebrate 88 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



My name is Demi Thomas and I am excited and humbled to have the honor of serving as Grand Vice President of the Daughters of Penelope. I was born and raised in San Bernardino, California, the fourth of 5 children. Both of my parents were active in their local Daughters and Ahepa serving as presidents of their respective chapters. The Ahepa family holds a special place in my heart. I have been a member of the Ahepa family since the age of 14, serving in officer positions in the Maids of Athena at the Chapter, District 20, and Grand Lodge levels. I then joined the Daughters of Penelope and served at the Chapter, District 5 and the Grand Lodge levels, including Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena for 2 years, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

My husband Sammy is a past District Governor of the Order of Ahepa District 5. We met at a National AHEPA Convention in Houston, married and moved to New Jersey where we still reside. Our daughters, Eleni and Sophia were charter members of the MOA Terpsichore Chapter in Wyckoff, New Jersey. Eleni served as Maids of Athena District 5 Governor and Grand Governor.

I am looking forward to working with all the Sisters this year with our Growth and Expansion program.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY



Greetings Sisters,

My name is Celia Kachmarski and I have the honor of serving as the Grand Secretary 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 49 years and have held many offices on the Chapter and District and on the Grand Lodge. I look forward to meeting sisters in District 4, 10 and 13, my liaison Districts. Although I have acquaintances in these Districts I welcome the opportunity to meet new Sisters. I believe that learning never ends therefore I welcome the opportunity to learn from you and share my experiences with you. 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 TREASURER



My name is Kathy Bizoukas and I was elected as your Grand Treasurer for the upcoming year of 2017-18. I am so excited to serve the Daughters for yet another year, just in a different capacity. From 2015-2017, I served as Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena and promise, I will always be there to help them.

My love for the AHEPA family started when I was initiated into the Maids of Athena just days after my 14th birthday. That same evening I was elected as recording secretary, not knowing what I was getting myself into and ever since, the AHEPA family has been in my blood. I am celebrating my 42nd 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. In our Hoosier District #12, my mom and I were the first mother/daughter team to ever serve as chapter presidents together and both of us have served as District Governors. I have (2) adult children, Jordan (27) who is a member of AHEPA #123 and Courtney (25) who is a dual member of MOA Dionysia #141 and DOP Pleiades #50. In 2014, I was thrilled to be given the honor of being inducted into the DOP Hall of Fame.

After being engaged for 6 years to a wonderful man who has put up with my traveling and the AHEPA, I am finally getting married to Dave Kurow on September 9th. Dave was initiated into our family by my dad telling him he had to become an Ahepan before he married me and so, he became a member of Hammond Chapter #123.

I am thrilled to say that my liaison districts for this year are; Empire District #6, Grainfield District #14, and Delta District #16. 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 GOVERNOR OF ZONE I



My name is Georgette Boulegeris. I transitioned from my membership in the Maids of Athena to the Daughters of Penelope over 30 years ago. I am a member of Tethys #229, New Brunswick, NJ. I served the Order in almost every capacity at the Chapter and District Level. I was the first Daughter of Penelope in my district to serve as chairman of the Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation. Nationally, I have participated in and chaired various National committees. I have 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 and the late George M. Boulegeris. I have one brother, Michael Boulegeris of Atlanta, GA.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE II



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 husband Jim. We have been married for 41 years. Our combined family consists of 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grand daughters.

I reactivated our Orlando Chapter many years ago and served 2 terms as President. I also had the pleasure of serving on District 2's board as District Secretary, Lt. Governor, District Governor and Advisor. My parents were both members of the AHEPA family. My husband is currently serving as District 2's Treasurer.

I am so very excited to be the Grand-Governor of Zone II and to work with our President Eva Jean and the others ladies of our Lodge. The Districts that I will be responsible for are District 1, 2 and 3. I cannot wait to meet all of you and work on opening new doors and doing great things. Thank you for this opportunity.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE III



My name is Demi Cross. Growing up in a family with a Father who lived and breathed AHEPA, it was only natural for me to become a Daughter of Penelope. In District 20, Chapter 142, I served in various offices including Chapter President. Presently I am a member of District 17, Olympus Chapter 6. It was an honor to serve on the district as Marshall, Lt. Governor and Governor.

My professional career began as a teacher and I worked as a Director of a Senior Citizen Center, worked as a Consumer Service Director for a large retail operation, and now I am the financial person for our family cattle operation. I live in Cheyenne, Wyoming. I'm excited to be the Grand Governor Zone III and serving District 11, 17, and 20. It will be nice having the opportunity to go back to where I started with the Daughters!

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE IV



Dear Sisters,

My name is Marianthi Treppiedi and I am honored and humbled to be serving as Grand Governor Zone 4. 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 43 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 12, 21, and 22.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND GOVERNOR OF ZONE V



Dear Sisters,

My name is Dimitra Vassilas. I have been a member of the Daughters of Penelope since my early twenties after spending a few years with the Vancouver Maids of Athena. I was elected to serve in many roles within my Chapter including Chapter president from 2011 - 2013. While a member of the Vancouver DOP, I helped organize a fashion show that raised monies for Multiple Sclerosis and Children's Hospital. This event was successful due to the fact that we were able to bridge all generations of the DOP and MOA to work together. I also served one year as Grand Counselor in 2014.

A lawyer by profession, I am also a mother of 15 month old Nicolas and wife of Past Canadian President AHEPA George Vassilas. Born and raised in Vancouver, I understand the Canadian fabric and look forward to working together with the Daughters of Penelope across Canada in order to; increase membership; raise awareness of the DOP; and increase enthusiasm and brand awareness. The Daughters of Penelope accomplish so much in each community, we need to ensure that we promote our successes. As a professional women's association, we must always look at the long road and plan accordingly as we would for our families, to ensure long term success of our beloved organization.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MOA ADVISOR



Dear Sisters of the Daughters of Penelope,

My name is Charrie Regopoulos. I am your new Grand Maids of Athena Advisor for the Daughters of Penelope. I am honored and inspired to work with the Grand Maids of Athena Lodge and all our youth. I enthusiastically support Supreme President Carl Hollister and Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont's vision of promoting our youth, and look forward to activating new chapters and working with the entire Ahepa Family. How appropriate the Maids of Athena adopted the following theme: UNITY!

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 two grandchildren, with more on the way!

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

GROWTH AND EXPANSION AWARDS 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 Growth & Expansion Program was very successful thanks to the efforts of all of our members. The culmination of the program took place at the Orlando, FL Supreme Convention with the presentation of the following awards. Congratulations to the following chapters and districts!

- 1) Citrus District 2, Capital District 3 and Delta District 3 for retaining over 300 members
- 2) Buckeye District 11 for reinstating the most members
- 3) Cassandra Chapter 372, Mycenae Chapter 220, and Ionian Chapter 196 for initiating 10 or more members
- 4) 1st place trophy for most members to Garden District 5
- 5) 2nd place trophy for most members to Buckeye District 11
- 6) 3rd place trophy for most members to Golden Gate District 21

Past Grand President Christine C. Malgarinos drew the winning chapters of Grand Vice President Eva Jean Fomalont's Growth & Expansion Challenge contests. First place won a \$250 gift card, second and third place won a \$100.00 gift card. There were 195 chapters that qualified for the Challenge drawing!! Congratulations to Chapter 29 of San Jose, CA, Chapter 175 of Tacoma, WA, and Chapter 198 of Hartford, CT!

Thank you to all the chapters who participated in the challenges and for making the G&E program a success and helping to grow our membership!



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL 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.

2017-2018 DISTRICT GOVERNORS

District 1: Irene Fotos

District 2: Ourania Stephanides

District 3: Renee Mozingo

District 4: Diana Lee Gregorakis

District 5: Dina Fanikos

District 6: Julia Collins

District 7: Karen Isaac

District 8: Anastasia Papaefthemiou

District 9: Catherine Blougouras

District 10: Peggy Collias

District 11: Joyce Anagnos

District 12: Patricia Makarounas

District 13: Stacy Katsibaros

District 14: Peggy Sperides

District 16: Gretchen Holtsinger

District 17: Christie Finch

District 20: Christine Markos

District 21: Foula Vasilogiorgis

District 22: Robbie Jackson

District 23: Xanthe Vafopoulou

District 24: Deb Chrisohou

District 25 Liaison: Maria Sofianou

2017-2018 NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

Archives: Tessie Bourdamis & Angie Speliopoulos, PGP

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

Budget & Finance: Cynthia Hollister

Credentials: Elaine Rice & Kathleen Chartier

DOP Foundation, Inc.: Joanne Booras, PGP

GP Advisory Board: Joanne Booras, PGP, Cathy Ferguson, PGP, Christine C. Malgarinos, PGP, Connie Pilallis, PGP, Evellyn Tsiadis, PGP, and Mary Verges, PGP

Greek American Women in US Armed Forces: Tina Bullock

Grand Counselor: Barbara Stavis Wolf, PGP

Grievance: Carol Stathopoulos

Legislation & By-Laws: Dorothea Williams

Maids of Athena: Kathy Papadimitropoulos

Penelope of the Year: Pam Martinez

Penelope House: Connie Pilallis, PGP

Penelope's Place: Elaine Kevgas, PGP

Projects: Katherine Karafotias

Saint Basil's Academy: Irene Fotos

Salute to Women: Past Grand Presidents Anna-Helene Grossomanides & Joanne Saltas

2017-2018 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. **Both are due by June 1, 2018.**

2017-2018 NATIONAL PROJECTS

At the 2017 Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL, the Daughters of Penelope selected three mandatory projects and four voluntary charitable projects for the 2017-2018 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
- 4) WIN Hellas—Athens, Greece

**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, 2018.

2017-2018 AHEPA FAMILY PRESIDENTS



Congratulations to the Presidents of the AHEPA Family!

Supreme President Carl Hollister
of Mason, OH;

Maids of Athena Grand President
Sophia Shakolas of La Palma, CA;

and Sons of Pericles Supreme President
Bill Poulos III of Canton, OH.

2018 AHEPA FAMILY CAPITOL HILL DAY

Capitol Hill Day will be May 9, 2018, in Washington, DC. More info coming soon!

2018 SALUTE TO WOMEN AWARD

Information regarding the Salute to Women will be announced this Winter!

2018 AHEPA FAMILY SUPREME CONVENTION

Our next AHEPA Family Supreme Convention will be July 22-28, 2018, at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, NJ!
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!

LEGISLATION PASSED AT 2017 SUPREME CONVENTION

ARTICLE XVI Supreme Convention Section 9

Delegates must register with the Credentials Committee by the end of the second business day to be able to participate in the business of the convention.

ARTICLE XXVI Membership Cards Section 4

Membership Cards. A Membership card is available through the Membership System to all members who have paid per capita to National Headquarters and waived members.

Maids of Athena Constitution Legislative Changes

Article IV, Section 1, B

She shall have passed her fourteenth (14th) year of age, but not yet reached her twenty-eighth (28th) year.

Article IV, Section 3

An initiation fee shall be remitted by any Chapter of the Order of the Maids of Athena, as outlined in the Leadership Handbook, or as outlined on the remittance forms issued for that year.

Article IV, Section 9, A

She shall pay her Per Capita Tax to Supreme Headquarters each year and receive a membership identification appropriate to this status.

Article XI, Section 3

Chapters having up to twelve (12) and including twenty-five (25) members shall have two (2) full votes at the Supreme Convention, and Chapters having twenty-six (26) up to and including fifty (50) members shall have four (4) full votes at the Supreme Convention, providing they are in good standing and their Per Capita Tax is paid to Headquarters. When a Chapter elects two (2) Delegates, each shall have one (1) full vote, but if only one (1) Delegate is able to attend the Supreme Convention, the attending Delegate shall have one (1) vote for her Chapter.

Example:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Votes (Full)</u>
<25	2
26-50	4
51-100	6
101-150	8

Plus an additional two (2) full votes for each additional segment of fifty (50) members.

Article XI, Section 3, B

Election of Delegates shall be held at a regular meeting in May or June, and all members shall be notified when this election is to take place. The results of the delegate certification form and credential form shall be sent to Supreme Headquarters and the Grand President of the Maids of Athena no later than one month prior to the opening of the Supreme Convention.

Article XI, Section 5

Delegates to the Supreme Convention must register and pay the required Registration Fee which shall be no more than one-half (1/2) the amount charged by the Daughters of Penelope Supreme Convention.

2017 ORLANDO, FL SUPREME CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



PGP Mary Verges (Left) and PGP Anna-Helene Grosomanides (Right) escorting Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont for the Installation Ceremony.



Past Grand Presidents at the Grand Banquet



Photo Above Right: Dancing at the AHEPA 95th Birthday Party; OPA!
 Photo Above Left: DOP Foundation, Inc. Symposium featuring multi-award winning action director and stunt coordinator Spiro Razatos.
 Photo to the Left: The Hosts of the AHEPA 95th Birthday Celebration: Greek Mickey and Walt Disney World Resorts President George Kalogridis!
 Also in the photo is PSP & Past Chairman of the AHEPA Board of Trustees Nicholas Karacostas & PSP Andrew Zachariades.



L to R: PGP & Hall of Fame Award Chairman Nicky Stamoulis, PGP Jan Spanos, 2017 Zoe Cavalaris Honoree Theofani Karras, and Zoe Cavalaris Chairman Paulette Pastor.



Past Penelope of the Year Recipients

PENELOPE'S SCROLL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Submission Information:

Please submit articles 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# and District/District #/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:

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**.

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.**

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.

Hard Copy Subscriptions:

The Penelope Scroll is available free online to all Sisters and the general public, however; we realize that not all of our Sisters have internet access. Therefore, if you wish to purchase a “hard copy” printing of the Scroll, you may do so by completing the online form. The cost is \$10 for a year’s subscription consisting of 2 issues. The Penelope Scroll can be accessed free via our website at www.daughtersofpenelope.org.

GROWTH AND EXPANSION 2017-2018

Dear Sisters,

Welcome to an exciting new year with the Daughters of Penelope!

Membership is the most important piece of the Daughters of Penelope. Increased membership gives us a more dynamic organization with new ideas, fresh perspectives and more energy.

Our main goal this year is to bring in new members and to retain our existing memberships. With a collective effort across all Districts, Chapters and members we will roll out this initiative to help us sustain and grow our organization. As the year progresses WE will be collaborating to continue to develop and implement a program that works for all of us.

Our program for this year is **"Every Sister Bring a Sister!"** That's right; if each of us brings in just one member we will double our membership in one year! I challenge you to invite new sisters to join or ask Sisters who have let their membership lapse to come back. By each of us taking on the responsibility of ONE we can be successful!!

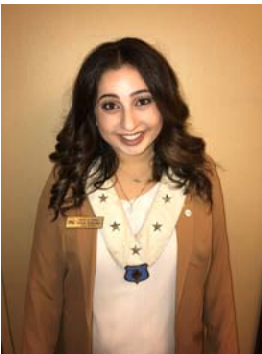
Don't let your role stop there. Let your enthusiasm and love for the Daughters of Penelope show. Mentor the new sisters, help them feel accepted, and part of the best women's organization out there. Together we need to put all our commitment and dedication to working hand in hand to Grow our Sisterhood!

This is just the beginning; be on the lookout for more to come!

Sincerely in Theta Pi,

Demi Thomas
Grand Vice President
Growth & Expansion Chairman

A MESSAGE FROM THE MOA GRAND PRESIDENT



Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Family,

I am honored to be addressing you as the Grand President of the Maids of Athena. I wanted to again congratulate Supreme President Carl Hollister, Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, Supreme President Bill Poulos, and their lodges on their elections. We look forward to continued growth and collaboration between all the orders of the AHEPA Family in the upcoming year.

The newly elected Maids of Athena Grand Lodge also consists of Grand Vice President Tatiana Tsaprailis, Calgary, Canada; Grand Secretary Theodora Ronstadt, Chicago, IL; Grand Treasurer Kyra Vidas, Chicago, IL; and Grand Governor Vasi Hatzopoulos, Ottawa, Canada. In the year ahead, the Grand Lodge is focused on increasing and retaining membership; MOA brand recognition and PR; and our philanthropy efforts. I am confident with this new, motivated and enthusiastic group of

leaders, we will achieve new heights as an organization.

Additionally, the Maids of Athena are committed to raising money for Saint Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY as a joint National Project with the Sons of Pericles. We will also be fundraising for the Cyprus Children's Fund, a project I have selected as my President's Project in honor of my parents and my Cypriot heritage.

Lastly, the Maids of Athena Grand Lodge has selected UNITY as our yearlong theme. It is in unity as sisters, chapters, districts, and as an AHEPA Family that we believe we can accomplish all of our goals. Therefore, we are dedicated to working in unity alongside the rest of the AHEPA Family to continue to expand our reach and influence.

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!

In Pi Alpha,

Sophia Shakolas
Maids of Athena Grand President

A MESSAGE FROM THE AHEPA SUPREME PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters,

On behalf of the Order of AHEPA, I congratulate Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, and the Grand Lodge officers, upon their election to the highest offices the Daughters of Penelope provides. I am confident that working together as an AHEPA family will lead us to another successful and productive year to the benefit of our common mission and the values that we hold dear and strive to emulate. My appreciation goes to all our volunteer AHEPA family members, who dedicate untold amounts of time, energy, and resources toward the fulfillment of our worthy mission. Thank you.

Since its inception, the Daughters of Penelope has stood as a great source of pride for the entire AHEPA family. The organization continues to leave a positive impression upon the American Hellenic community and society at-large through a scope of beneficial programs that help a vast array of charitable causes. In fact, the Daughters of Penelope makes a lasting difference across the lifespan. From helping children to learn how to read, to providing shelter for victims of domestic violence, to supporting researchers searching for a cure to cancer, and to providing dignified, affordable housing to our low-income elderly, the Daughters of Penelope has strengthened our communities across the globe. Together with the Maids of Athena – the future lifeline of the Daughters of Penelope – the two organizations' combined efforts are

unheralded. Moreover, as an AHEPA family, we are close to fulfilling our goal to ensure Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at World Trade Center is rebuilt. We will also keep Greece in our hearts as its people continue to endure unprecedented crises, economic and migratory. Finally, together, we will ensure our Hellenic heritage endures and thrives. Together, we will meet these challenges head-on and overcome them. I look forward to seeing you during my travels throughout the year.

Fraternally,

Carl Hollister
Supreme President

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOP SUPREME PRESIDENT



SOP to Looking to Build on Supreme Convention Momentum

It is an honor and privilege to be addressing the AHEPA Family as Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles. I would like to extend my Congratulations to fellow Ohioan, Supreme President Carl Hollister, Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, Grand President Sophia Shakolas and their respective Lodges on their recent elections. We are looking forward to the upcoming year with the AHEPA Family, strengthening ties and building for our futures.

The newly elected Supreme Lodge is entirely comprised of determined and enthusiastic young men. Elected to the Supreme Lodge are: Supreme Vice President Gregory Vourloumis, Atlanta, GA; Supreme Secretary Chris Tavantzis, Bayside, NY; Supreme Treasurer Fred Docous, Albany, NY; Supreme Governor Timothy Noitsis, Toronto, ON, Canada; and Supreme Athletic Director Paul Pavlakos, Tallahassee, FL. This group of young men has the potential to be the strongest Supreme Lodge that I have served on and I am looking forward to working diligently with them to garner success in the upcoming year.

Capitalizing from our successful Supreme Convention, the Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge aims to tackle many different issues and continue growth and momentum across the country. Although we saw a down year in terms of chapter reactivation and expansion in 2016-17, we say the strengthening of our existing chapters. Our largest and most active chapters were able to solidify even further, using their own momentum to fuel additional success at their events and endeavors. We are looking forward to additional growth and success through our newly installed "Plus 5 Initiative" and the continued growth and popularity of our basketball tournaments.

Additionally, the Sons of Pericles will be committed to raising money for St. Basil Academy in a joint national project with the Maids of Athena. We are honored to be standing alongside the Maids to raise funds for this project and we are confident that we can make a significant impact together.

Please contact me or any Supreme Lodge member should you need anything. Best wishes to everyone for a successful year.

Fraternally,

Bill Poulos III
SOP Supreme President

2017 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 this outstanding award in the District. The District Penelope of the year is then submitted to the Supreme Convention Penelope of the Year Committee Chairman for consideration. At the Supreme Convention delegates on the Penelope of the Year Committee select one member for recognition as the International Penelope of the

Year, who represents outstanding and distinguished service to the Daughters of Penelope and her community.

The 2017-2018 Penelope of the Year recipient is Barbara Maligas of Houston, Texas!

Barbara was raised in Delaware, graduated college in Virginia, then, when her daughter and son graduated college, she accepted an offer to become a territorial sales representative in Texas, where she has lived for nearly 30 years. She converted to the Orthodox faith after meeting Manuel, with whom she celebrates 18 years of marriage in August 2017!

While attending Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Houston, a dear lady invited her to join the Daughters of Penelope Achaia Chapter in Houston, Texas, and she was initiated in 2003. Having the belief that if you belong to an organization you should take an active part in it, the path led from chapter officer to district officer, and continued to National Chairman for Penelope House, onward to become Grand Governor of Zone III for two terms.

After leaving the Grand Lodge, Barbara was offered the opportunity to serve as Convention Secretary and National Legislation Chairman, and is now serving her second term as secretary for the Daughters of Penelope Foundation. On a chapter level, she is serving her third year as secretary on the Board of Directors for the HUD Foundation of AHEPA/DOP 54 Inc.

Barbara is truly honored to be 2017 Penelope of the Year. Upon accepting the award, Barbara said, "Being a 14 year member of the Daughters of Penelope has enriched my life in many ways, but it has been the association with the many devoted, exceptional women in our organization that I consider the greatest blessing. I know that if it were not for the guidance and friendship of these Sisters that have encouraged me on my journey, I would not have been awarded this honor. Thank you Sisters. It is because of you that I have received this esteemed award, and I am sincerely grateful and truly humbled."

Congratulations Barbara!

2017 ZOE CAVALARIS & HALL OF FAME AWARD



The Daughters of Penelope is proud to announce the 2017 Zoe Cavalaris Award recipient, Theofani Theodora Karras. Theofani is an academic and basketball star graduate of the Miami Valley School in Dayton, Ohio. A few of her basketball athletic achievements at Miami Valley include:

- 4 Year Starter | Varsity Women's Basketball Team | 2 year Captain
- 2 Year Starter | Varsity Tennis Team
- All-Time Leading Scorer | 1624 career points
- 2 year Underclassmen Player of the Year
- 2 Year Conference Player of the Year
- 2 Year District Player of Year
- 4 Year First Team All-Conference Player
- 4 Year First Team All - Area Player
- 3 Year All-State (Ohio) Player
- Top 10 Player in State of Ohio | Playing in Ohio North vs. South All-Star Game
- Ohio High School State Record Holder in:
 - Most 3 pointers in a Season
 - Most 3 pointers in a Game
 - Highest Shooting Percentage in a Season
 - Most 3 Pointers in a Career

Theofani was also Class President for three years, served as the school's ambassador, and was a part of several clubs including the honor society. She is also an active volunteer in her community and a member of GOYA and the Maids of Athena.

Theofanis' basketball 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.



The Daughters of Penelope is proud to announce the 2017 Hall of Fame Award recipient, Elena Koumbias. Elena was born in Webster, Texas and is the daughter of Michael Koumbias and Dionisia Koumbias. Elena is a junior at Clear Falls High School, League City, Texas. She was voted as the sophomore class president at Clear Falls High school and she is a member of the National Honor Society of High School Scholars.

Elena is a very talented and dedicated soccer player. She is a Varsity player for the Clear Falls High School Lady Knights soccer team. She is a strong defender, voted Defensive MVP, and team captain during her freshman year as a JV soccer player at Clear Falls High School.

Elena started playing recreational soccer from a very young age has progressed to playing soccer for Space City Futbol Club Competitive in addition to her varsity high school team. Through the years she has played club soccer, Elena's team was 3x Eastern District Champions, 2x State Finalists, and received several awards both through her team and individually. She is very passionate about soccer and has been a great leader to her peers throughout the past few years.

She is also an active member of the Traditional Dance team "Asteria" at Saint John's the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church in Webster, Texas, and participates at the Clear Lake Greek Festival every year since the age of five. Growing up in a very Greek family, Elena enjoys the Greek music, cuisine and the remarkable culture it has to offer. After high school, Elena plans to further her education and pursue a college degree, leaning towards a science major.

The Daughters of Penelope is honored and proud to induct Elena into the DOP Hall of Fame.

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.
- 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.
- 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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