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**Daughters of Penelope Donates \$10,000 to Meals on Wheels America**

**WASHINGTON** - The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a leading international service organization comprised of women of Hellenic heritage and Philhellenes, proudly presented a \$10,000 donation to Meals on Wheels America, February 26, 2019, announced DOP Grand President Demi Thomas. Grand President Thomas presented the donation with Past Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont to Meals on Wheels America President and CEO Ellie Hollander at Meals on Wheels America's Headquarters, Arlington, Va. Legislative Consultant Andrew Kaffes and Daughters of Penelope Executive Director Elena Saviolakis also accompanied Grand President Demi Thomas and Past Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont.

"We are proud to support the worthy mission of Meals on Wheels America and its vision of an America in which all seniors live nourished lives with independence and dignity," Grand President Thomas said. "Our support of Meals on Wheels America dovetails with our community service programs that assist our nation's elderly who are vulnerable and are in need. For example, Meals on Wheels serves many residents of AHEPA's and Daughters' 95-plus affordable elderly housing properties."

"We commend the Daughters of Penelope for realizing the need to address senior isolation and hunger, especially at a time when the demand for Meals on Wheels grows along with the senior population, and the resources simply aren't keeping pace. We appreciate the generosity of the Daughters of Penelope and its support of our mission," Meals on Wheels America President and CEO Hollander said.

The donation made by the Daughters of Penelope was made possible by the late Mr. Nicholas Economy. This is the second \$10,000 donation to Meals on Wheels by the Daughters of Penelope.

"The Daughters of Penelope is proud to honor his memory and his wishes to help the elderly in need," Grand President Thomas said.

**About Meals on Wheels America**

Meals on Wheels America is the leadership organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network serves virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million staff and volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, education, research and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit [www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org).



*Grand President Demi Thomas presenting a \$10,000 donation to Meals on Wheels on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope to Meals on Wheels President and Chief Executive Officer Ellie Hollander.*



*Grand President Demi Thomas, Past Grand President Eva Jean Fomalont, DOP Executive Director Elena Saviolakis, and DOP Legislative Consultant Andrew Kaffes with Meals on Wheels President and CEO Ellie Hollander and Meals on Wheels Chief Development Officer Kristine Templin.*

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Founded in San Francisco in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope is the first women's organization of its kind established in the United States. It is an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA).

The mission of the DOP is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

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