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Pilallis Elected Daughters of Penelope Grand President

The 25-year member hails from Boca Raton, Florida



WASHINGTON (July 8, 2015)—The delegates of the Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women’s organization, elected Connie Pilallis, Boca Raton, Fla., Grand President for the 2015-2016 administrative year. Elections were held July 4, 2015 at the 93rd Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention, San Francisco, Calif.

“It is an honor and a great thrill to be elected Grand President,” Pilallis, who is a member of Cassandra Chapter No. 372, said. “I look forward to working with the Grand Lodge and the membership to take our existing successful programs in education, philanthropy, and social services to greater levels to the benefit of the community.”

Pilallis, a 25-year DOP member, has served all major positions within the organization at the national, district, and chapter levels.

“The Daughters of Penelope provides invaluable opportunities for women to make significant contributions to their country and to their communities,” Pilallis said. “I am grateful for the opportunities the organization have provided me, and I want to ensure those opportunities are afforded to future generations of women for years to come.”

The newly-elected grand president was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. She moved to Boca Raton, Fla., in 1990 with her two children, Anthony and Stacie. She is also a proud Yiayia to Pierceson, Chase, and Jalyn, who live in Dallas, Texas.

Professionally, Grand President Pilallis is an executive who handles negotiations and all personal and business financial matters for a private property investor for nearly 25 years.

In the community, Grand President Pilallis has served on the Broward County Professional Business Woman's Club (BPW), was a charter member of Zonta International of Greater Deerfield Beach, Fla., and has chaired several committees at her church, Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church. In addition, she was named Soroptimist International Woman of Distinction in Boca Raton, Fla., in 2012.

2015-2016 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge

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

- Grand Vice President Jan Spanos of Sacramento, Calif.;
- Grand Secretary Eva Jean Fomalont of Albuquerque, N.M.;
- Grand Treasurer Diane Petersen of Sacramento, Calif.;
- Grand Governor Zone I Lili Respass of Worcester, Mass.;
- Grand Governor Zone II Dorothea Willams of Saint Claire Shores, Mich.;
- Grand Governor Zone III Kathy Papadimitropoulos of Aurora, Colo.;
- Grand Governor Zone IV Katherine Karafotias of Portland, Ore.;
- Grand Governor Zone V Aspa Kostopoulos of Ontario, Canada;
- and Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Kathy Zotos of Munster, Ind.



In Photo Left to Right: Back Row - Grand MOA Advisor Kathy Zotos, Grand Governor Zone IV Katherine Karafotias, Grand Governor Zone V Aspa Kostopoulos, Grand Governor Zone III Katherine Papadimitropoulos, and Grand Governor Zone II Lili Respass.

Left to Right: Front Row - Grand Treasurer Diane Petersen, Grand President Connie Pilallis, Grand Vice President Jan Spanos, and Grand Secretary Eva Jean Fomalont.

“Our Grand Lodge has a tremendous amount of experience with our officers having served in all capacities within the organization,” Pilallis said. “We all look forward to traveling the country and visiting communities in the ongoing effort to fulfill our mission.”

Pilallis’ theme for the administrative year is “Renew.” She has challenged the membership to reach new heights of tolerance, respect, and patience and to achieve more in the way of programs, events, and outreach in the community.

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.

For more information about the DOP, or any of its programs or projects, please visit www.daughtersofpenelope.org.

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