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Grand President's Travel Itinerary

5/19/2012: MOA Grand President's Testimonial in Charleston, SC

5/26/2012: District 23 Convention in Ottawa, Canada

6/7-9/2012: District 2

A Message from the Grand President

Christos Anesti!

"Let us be radiant for the festival, and let us embrace one another. Let us say, brethren, even to those that hate us. Let us forgive all things on the Resurrection, and so let us cry, "Christ has risen from the dead: by death he has trampled on death and to those in the graves given life".

Upon my return from Greece, I attended the Sisterhood Conference in Torrance, CA, on April 22-23.

Five districts met on the weekend. District 20 hosted the conference for districts 17, 19, 21, and 22. All District Governors were present along with their Grand Lodge Liaisons. Past Grand Presidents, Connie Aretos Banis and Joanne Booras also attended the Conference. I was especially glad to see our Sister Jan Spanos join us after her long recovery from the accident. It was a very well planned and executed conference. Sister Mary Pruitt paid attention to every detail. Thank you all who participated from near and far!


Convention in Orlando,
FL


6/16/2012: District 13
DOP Convention
in Chicago,IL

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2012 Dist. 17, 19,20,21,22 Sisterhood Conference



Grand Lodge



*District 20, Liaison GS Anna Helene Panagakos,
DG Pam Martinez*



*Liaison GVP Joanne Saltas, (left)
and District 21DG Helen Sexton*



*Liaison GG Zone II (right), District 22
DG Katherine Karafotias and GP center.*



*Liaison GT Demi Thomas, DG
Mary Francis Cozakos, D19 and GP*



After Hours



Liaison GG Zone IV Cleo Rumpakis, DG Kathy Papadimitropoulos, District 17

On the 28th of April I flew to Boston, MA. I met with past National Penelope of the Year Elaine Rice, who drove me to Brockton, MA to attend the Penelope Place Board Meeting. There, we met with board members and DG Eugenia Christi, Tina Niedbala, PDG from Worcester, and Thelma Twomey, PDG from Brockton. The meeting was informative, gave a little background on the start of the shelter and DOP help, and also discussed the fundraisers for the year. When the meeting finished we visited the shelter. The shelter is a beautiful house in a residential neighborhood with a nice yard and play area, outdoor patio, the living area on the first floor was very neat and well kept. The bedrooms were upstairs. They have five families at a time. They were all very appreciative to have a safe place to stay. One lady was so happy to see us, she presented each one with a bead bracelet she made and gave hugs.



Penelope's Place

That afternoon, we went to Peabody, MA, where Zelia Chapter has the Penelope Apartments.



With PGP Joanne Merakos



*Lawrence, Brockton, Worcester,
and Haverhill MA chapters*



Salem-Peabody MA chapters



D8, Past District Governors, 1950-present

There was a nice reception with representatives from the Salem-Peabody Chapter, and also Lawrence, Being a PDG from District 8 also; it was nice to see everyone again.

Big thank you to ALL the chapters I visited for the warm hospitality and all courtesies extended to me.

In the next month or so, another e-newsletter will be dedicated to the excursion to Greece!

Grand President's Bulletin

The view the Fall/Winter Grand President's Bulletin online, [click here](#).

To view the AHEPAN online, [click here](#).

Growth and Expansion Program

Your place is here


Recruit

- Carry an application
- Have DDP brochure available
- Ask everyone you meet to JOIN
- Write your DDP goals
- Plan a membership event
- Promote DDP events
- Advertise DDP accomplishments
- Support the Match of Athens
- Be a positive example of a DDP

Retain

- Value each member
- Utilize time at meetings efficiently
- Welcome all ideas-respect all opinions
- JOIN in the fun
- Plan educational and social activities
- Thank and praise members
- Avoid small groups
- Link talk, more action
- Encourage involvement

JOIN



Reinstate

- Invite inactive members back
- Recognize past accomplishments
- Take advantage of NO FEE November
- Keep inactive members in the loop
- Reinstated inactive members of benefits of membership
- Always talk of DDP's accomplishments
- Provide an incentive
- Personalize an invitation
- You can always re JOIN

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Daughters of Penelope

*Daughters of Penelope Placemat
(to view the full version,*

[click here](#) and go to page 16)

Grand Vice President, Joanne Saltas, unveiled this year's program at the District Governors' Seminar.

JOIN is the theme. Sisters are being asked to JOIN the DOP in not only increasing membership but in expanding the voice of the DOP. Specific methods will be presented in installments. The first installment--Getting Started--provided tips and ideas on reinstatement. This installment also included ideas on how to keep members involved.

Rewards and recognition will be given throughout the year for achievements reached. Prizes for membership growth, as awarded in the past, will be given at the Supreme Convention. Working with the Past Grand Presidents, the DOP Foundation, and a "friendly" competition with the Maids of Athena are also goals of the JOIN program.

Energy and enthusiasm; commitment and charity; sincerity and sisterhood--a fitting description of a member of the Daughters of Penelope.

It's always wonderful to see a woman make the decision to join the Daughters of Penelope. When they do, they immediately become a sister to thousands of others. Through membership in the Daughters of Penelope women of all backgrounds are connected in working toward common goals and fulfilling the mission of the Ahepa Family to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

A synchronized project is now underway to help promote the JOIN program. Each member will be receiving a *placemat* outlining the 3 important R's of growth. It is an easy to carry and useful tool for every member with helpful G&E ideas. Look for yours! With this team effort, we will be successful in the Growth and Expansion of the Daughters of Penelope. Visit us on facebook by clicking the facebook link on the left hand side of this page and become a fan today. Read the most recent e-newsletters, news releases and membership updates! To view the full Growth and Expansion Program, please [click here](#).

**Calgary Maids of Athena Raise \$70K for
Friedreich/s Ataxia Research
Alliance (FARA) for Research and
Funding**

The Calgary Maids of Athena, Cassandra-Hera #185 are proud to announce they have raised \$70 000 for the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA). The young ladies hosted their 5th annual fashion show benefit titled "A Night of Nostalgia" that took place on Saturday, May 5th, 2012 at the Hellenic Community of Calgary.

Numerous dignitaries from the AHEPA family were in attendance, including Past Canadian Presidents of the Daughters of Penelope Celia Kachmarski and Diane Polesello, Past Grand President (PGP) of the Maids of Athena Kiki Amanatidis, and Grand Secretary of the Maids of Athena Constantina Yannitsos. Additionally, Ron Bartek, President and Co-founder of the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance was there to speak to all the guests about FARA's purpose and future goals.

"Saturday night combined two organizations that are very dear to me; the Maids of Athena and FARA. The young women in this Chapter did a stellar job in putting together a very memorable event. I am so very proud of them, and am honored to have been invited to attend." said PGP Kiki Amanatidis.

The show featured current fashions depicting the styles from the 1950's through today. Adding to the 1950's flair was their Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss Marilyn Monroe. Modeling in the show were members of the Maids of Athena, Sons of Pericles and children of the AHEPA Family.

In addition to money from ticket sales, money was raised from a variety of silent auction items, including an autographed Calgary Flames Jay Bouwmeester jersey, an autographed Taylor Swift album, and an autographed print of Philadelphia Eagles Evan Mathis. There were five themed raffle baskets as well which had a combined value of over \$4 000!

The event co-chairs were Helena Konicki (Recording Secretary) and Tatiana Tsaprailis (Treasurer). The members of the Organizing Committee were: Penelope Alefantis (Worthy Maid), Alexandra Zannis (Loyal Maid), Alexia Agouridis (Corresponding Secretary), Arianna Agouridis, Annah Evangelopoulos, Maria Kanatas, Christina Powell, Anna Rathgeber, Zoe Rathgeber, and Christina Tsaprailis.

Scholarship Applications Now Available Online!

Our scholarship and award applications are now available online at www.daughtersofpenelope.org.

[Click here](#) to view the National Scholarship Applications and [click here](#) to view the available scholarships for the year along with a letter to the Applicant and Chapter President.

[Click here](#) to view the Zoe Cavalaris Award Application.

[Click here](#) to view the Penelope of the Year Award Application.

[Click here](#) to view the Athletic Hall of Fame Award Application.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the chairman listed on the application.

[AHEPA Family Supreme Convention 2012 in Las Vegas - Book Your Hotel & Complete Registration Today!](#)

Our next AHEPA Family Supreme Convention will be at the Monte Carlo Hotel in Las Vegas, NV, located at 3770 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89109, July 22-27. To make your hotel reservations now, the Hotel Reservation Department's toll-free number is 800-311-8999. In order to receive the group rate, callers must identify their affiliation with the Annual Supreme Convention 2012, and a group code XASC12 and confirm their reservations with a deposit prior to the cut off date. You can also reserve your hotel accommodations online by [clicking here](#).

Please [click here](#) to complete the alternate/delegate reporting form if you are elected to represent your chapter at the Supreme Convention. Remember this form is due by June 1, 2012.

If you are an elected delegate, alternate or guest, you can purchase your convention delegate, alternate, or guest package by [clicking here](#). Remember to purchase your package by June 30, 2012, as the package will be increased \$100 if purchased after this date.

To view the tentative Daughters of Penelope meetings and events schedule along with the AHEPA Family schedule for the Supreme Convention, please [click here](#).

To view other Supreme Convention forms, please [click here](#).

[Membership and Billing](#)

Chapter Rosters and Billing have been mailed to all

Chapter Presidents. Chapters should start sending in 2012 chapter dues as soon as possible. Please also remember that Chapter Obligations were due into Headquarters by May 1, 2012 according to the By-Laws. [Click here](#) to download the form online.

Please note the following regarding life membership:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: A Daughter of Penelope who has completed fifty years of continuous membership in the Order shall be entitled to Life Membership and shall be declared a Life Member. According to the Daughters of Penelope Constitution & By-Laws Article V, Section 11, per capita payment for members with 50+ continuous years as of the January 1, 1999 date shall be waived. Please be aware that members attaining life membership status after this date and thereafter shall be required to pay full chapter dues including per capita. Those life members who qualify for the per capita waiver will have the word "WAIVED" in the paid through column on the Chapter Rosters that were mailed to all Chapter Presidents late August.

Salute to Women - July 26, 2012

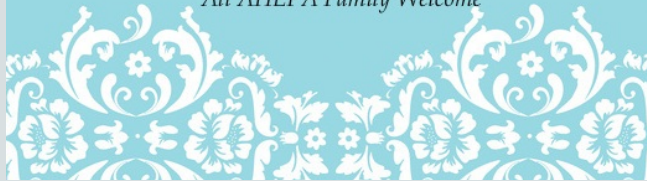
This year's Salute to Women will be held on Thursday, July 26th of Supreme Convention week at the Supreme Convention Hotel, the Montel Carlo Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. We are extremely excited to be honoring U.S. Representative for Nevada's 1st congressional district, Shelley Berkley, and former U.S. Representative for Nevada's 3rd congressional district, Dina Titus!

Please help support this exciting event by making a donation using our [donation form online](#). Hope to see you there!

Save the Date

*For our Salute to Women Event
Thursday, July 26th, 2012*

*2 to 4pm - Monte Carlo Ballrooms 1-2
Monte Carlo Resort & Casino
All AHEPA Family Welcome*



Penelope's Scroll - Issue 2 of 2

Issue 2 of 2 is now available online. [Click here!](#)

If you prefer hard copies of Penelope's Scroll, the two issues are available as hard copies for a total of \$10 for the year (September 2011-July 2012). For further article submission information, [click here](#). To subscribe to hard copies, please [click here](#).

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