

Daughters of Penelope

National Directory
2018-2019



Established in 1929

Every Sister Bring a Sister

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Daughters of Penelope are to encourage and promote loyalty to the country in which they live, cultivate the ideals and traditions of Hellenism, promote opportunities of education and promote the spirit of cooperation while working closely and in harmony with the entire AHEPA Family. The Daughters of Penelope is non-partisan and non-denominational.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge	Page 1
District Governors	Page 2
National Chairmen	Page 4
Past Grand Presidents	Page 6
Maids of Athena Grand Lodge	Page 9
Order of AHEPA Supreme Lodge	Page 10
Sons of Pericles Supreme Lodge	Page 12
The Story of Penelope	Page 13
History of the Daughters of Penelope	Page 14
Structure of the Organization	Page 15
Meaning of DOP Logo	Page 16



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE GRAND LODGE

Demi Thomas

Grand President

35 Walthery Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Cell: 201-925-6090

Home: 201-652-0463

Email: grandpresidentdop@gmail.com

Liaison to Australia, Greece, and Europe

Stella Sirks

Grand Governor II

10811 Dominico Street
Orlando, FL 32825

Home: 407-275-5842

Cell: 407-963-5959

Email: dopgrandgovernor2@gmail.com

Liaison to Districts 1, 8, 17

Celia Kachmarski

Grand Vice President

829 Canfield Way SW
Calgary, Alberta T2W 1K2 Canada

Phone: 403-281-7491

Email: dopgrandvicepresident@gmail.com

Liaison to all Districts-

Membership/Growth & Expansion

Demi Cross

Grand Governor Zone III

5409 Ryan Avenue

Cheyenne, WY 82009

Home: 307-635-2336

Cell: 307-286-2607

Email: dopgrandgovernor3@gmail.com

Liaison to Districts 16, 21, 22

Kathy Bizoukas

Grand Secretary

1932 Somerset Drive
Munster, IN 46321-5158

Phone: 219-313-7005

Email: dopgrandsecretary@gmail.com

Liaison to Districts 4, 12, 13

Marianthi Treppiedi

Grand Governor Zone IV

5008 W Navaho

Spokane, WA 99208

Home: 509-466-7415

Cell: 509-879-7415

Email: dopgrandgovernor4@gmail.com

Liaison to Districts 2, 10, 11, 14

Georgette Boulegeris

Grand Treasurer

18 Heatherwood Lane
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Cell: 908-342-4433

Email: dopgrandtreasurer@gmail.com

Liaison to Districts 6, 9, 20

Margaret Dritsas

Grand Governor Zone V

303-429 Somerset West

Ottawa, ON K2P 2P5 Canada

Cell: 613-297-2401

Email: dopgrandgovernor5@gmail.com

Liaison to Districts 23, 24, 26

Kathy L. Matrakas

Grand Governor Zone I

2013 Pagebrook Road
Silver Spring, MD 20903-1235

Home: 301-439-6958

Cell: 240-351-3434

Email: dopgrandgovernor01@gmail.com

Liaison to Districts 3, 5, 7

Charrie Regopoulos

Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena

8705 Withersfield Court

Springboro, OH 45066

Home: 937-748-2794

Cell: 937-623-2794

Email: moagrandadvisor@gmail.com

Liaison to all Maids of Athena Chapters

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE DISTRICT GOVERNORS

District Governor 01

Irene Fotos

1144 Bellwood Square
Dunwoody, GA 30338
Email: IreneGreekMom@aol.com

District Governor 02

Ourania Stephanides

9906 Lone Tree Lane
Tampa, FL 33618
Cell: (813) 546-4711
Email: stephanides.ourania@gmail.com

District Governor 03

Eleanor Lynn Francis

8518 Ordinary Way
Annandale, VA 22003
Home: 703-978-4370
Cell: 703-424-5728
Email: elfran40@gmail.com

District Governor 04

Tamie Shaffer

119 Dartmouth Way
Aliquippa, PA 15001
Cell: (724) 462-8984
Email: tamie.shaffer11@gmail.com

District Governor 05

Joann Szela

6 Wilson Cove
Hillsborough, NJ 08844
Home: (908) 874- 8311
Cell: (908) 512- 9681
Email: jpszela@comcast.net

District Governor 06

Frances Lutfy

77 2nd Street
Garden City, NY 11530
Home: (516) 746-8741
Cell: (516) 220-1524
Email: piattorney@aol.com

District Governor 07

Marianne Boutsoulis

671 Cortland Circle
Cheshire, CT 060410
Cell: (203) 271-2929
Home: (203) 525-8171
Email: boutsie5@cox.net

District Governor 08

Katerina Mihelioudakis

64 Harlem St #3
Worcester, MA 01610
Home: (508) 791- 0711
Email: katinam@yahoo.com

District Governor 09

Catherine Blougouras

10 Gloria Street
Rochester, NH 03867
Home: 603-332-4663
Cell: 603-312-5888
Email: cmblogu@yahoo.com

District Governor 10

Dorothea Williams

21925 Shore Pointe Lane
St Clair Shores, MI 48080
Cell: (313) 549-9387
Email: wdothea@aol.com

District Governor 11

Joyce Anagnos

3421 Heatherdowns Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43614-3839
Home: 419-304-3192
Email: hambou@hotmail.com

District Governor 12

Cleopatra Bizoukas

3716 Boulevard Dr.
Highland, IN 46322
Home: 219-924-5426
Cell: 219-313-7004
Email: cbizouk@aol.com

District Governor 13
Stacy Katsibaros
4435 W. Fitch
Linconwood, IL 60712
Home: 252-340-0390
Email: skatsibaros@gmail.com

District Governor 14
Peggy Sperides
10561 Maryland Road
Bloomington, MN 55438
Home: 952-829-8855
Cell: 612-709-2948
Email: pegs1028@gmail.com

District Governor 16
Katina Tassopoulos
7132 Blackwood Drive
Dallas, TX 75231
Home: 214-340-7679
Cell: 214-202-2470
Email: ktassopoulos@sbcglobal.net

District Governor 17
Pam Martinez
297 North 20 West
Pleasant Grove, UT 84062
Home: 602-999-5176
Email: azmrsjtom@gmail.com

District Governor 20
Catherine Keyser
6601 E. Ocotillo Road
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
Home: 480-609-8585
Cell: 480-529-8109
Email: keyserc53@gmail.com

District Governor 21
Foula Vasilogiorgis
755 Monterey Blvd. #6
San Francisco, CA 94127
Home: 415-826-4851
Cell: 415-378-7200
Email: fouladopdistrictgovernor@gmail.com

District Governor 22
Robbie Jackson
2102 E. 30th Avenue
Spokane, WA 99203
Home: (509) 533-0188
Cell: (509) 768-9851
Email: robbjack@juno.com

District Governor 23
Xanthe Vafopoulou
66 Houseman Crescent
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 7R8 Canada
Home: 905-883-0836
Cell: 647-382-1388
Email: xanthev@yorku.ca

District Governor 24
Christina Andrews
206 Garipey Crescent, NW
Edmonton, Alberta T6M 1A2 Canada
Home: 780-444-4511
Cell: 780-233-4511
Email: Christina.Andrews111@gmail.com

Hellas District Liaison 25
Maria Sofianou
41 Macedonia Str.
Komotini, 69100 Greece
Cell: 30-69374-81048
Home: 30-25310-37103
Email: marsof008@gmail.com

European Liaison
Athanasia Vassiliadou
Bahnhof Street 74
Kornwestheim, Germany 70806
Home: 0170 7943577
Work: 00491707943577
Email: a.vassiliadou@gmx.de

DOP NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Archives

Tessie Bourdamis

4351 Parklawn East #G3
Edina, MN 55435
Phone: 952-831-3529
Email: tbourdamis@comcast.net

Budget and Finance

Cynthia Hollister

6440 Hunter's Green Drive
Mason, OH 45040
Phone: 513-573-0117
Email: icarus64@twc.com

Credentials

Angela Philipps

7707 W. Irving Pk. Apt. 309
Chicago, IL 60634
Phone: 773- 848-4110
Email: angeliki1964@aol.com

DOP Foundation, Inc.

Deb Chrisohou, President

112 Sierra Vista Ter SW
Calgary, Alberta T3H3C5 Canada
Phone: 403-242-9887
Email: dchrisohou@shaw.ca

Grand President's Advisors

Helen Beldecos, PGP
Eva Jean Fomalont, PGP
Evellyn Tsiadis, PGP

Grand Counselor

Barbara Stavis Wolf, Esq.

P.O. Box 3669
Covington, LA 70433-3669
Phone: 985-892-1574
Email: bstaviswolf@yahoo.com

Greek American Women in US Armed Forces

Special Project

Christina Bullock

8322 Krim Dr. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
Phone: 505-250-8753
Email: tinabullock1221@msn.com

Grievance

Karen Knicos

32 Terrapin Ln.
Hamilton, NJ 08619
Phone: 732-713-5154
Email: karenknicos@gmail.com

Legislation and By-Laws

Christina Andrews

206 Garipey Crescent NW
Edmonton, Alberta T6M1A2 Canada
Home: 780-444-4511
Cell: 780-233-4511
Email: Christina.Andrews111@gmail.com

Maids of Athena

Charrie Regopoulos, Grand MOA Advisor

9705 Withersfield Court
Springboro, OH 45066
Home: 937-748-2794
Cell: 937-623-2794
Email: moagrandadvisor@gmail.com

Penelope House

Barbara Maligas, PGG
10139 Cairn Meadows Drive
Spring, TX 77379
Home: 281-974-9629
Email: maligas@sbcglobal.net

Penelope's Place

Tina Niedbala

69 Amherst St
Worcester, MA 01602
Phone: 508-754-5925
Email: tinanied@verizon.net

Penelope of the Year Award

Christine Markos

489 Savona Way
Oak Park, CA 91377
Phone: 818- 613-7588
Email: chrismarkos@sbcglobal.net

Penelope's Scroll Editor

Deb Chrisohou

Send Articles to:

Penelopesscroll@gmail.com

Deadlines: 1/15/2019 & 5/15/2019

Projects**Alice Mikhail**

13141 Hallmark Court
Apple Valley, MN 55124
Phone: 952-356-9524
Email: alice_mikhail@yahoo.com

Saint Basils Academy**Maria (Cookie) Patelos**

5 Rapp Road
Albany, NY 12203-4432
Home: 518- 852-9195
Email: cookiepatelos@gmail.com

Salute to Women Award

Joanne Booras, PGP
Eva Jean Fomalont, PGP

Athletic Awards**Katina Tassopoulos**

7132 Blackwood Drive
Dallas, TX 75231
Home: 214- 340-7679
Cell: 214-202-2470
Email: ktassopoulos@sbcglobal.net

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
PAST GRAND PRESIDENTS

Alexandra Apostolides (1931-1940)*

Josephine Englezos (1940-1941)*

Maria Z. Harris (1941-1946)*

Poppy Mitchell (1946-1948)*

Helen Karagiannis (1948-1950)*

Irene Cox (1950-1952)*

Pota Saratsis (1952-1953)*

Hon. Adeline Geo-Karis (1953-1955)*

Tula Zotaley (1955-1956)*

Zoe Cavalaris (1956-1958)*

Evelyn Mickles (1958-1959)*

Emily Tamaras (1959-1960)*

Evelyn Semos (1960-1961)*

Kay Brotsis (1961-1963)*

Mary Kapsos (1963-1964)*

Josie Chase (1964-1965)

55 N. Huron Avenue
Columbus, OH 43204
Phone: 614-648-1109
Email: tchase@columbus.rr.com

Elizabeth Athanasakos (1965-1966)

3608 NE 23rd Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308
Phone: 954-630-1715
Email: bettya7545@comcast.net

Zoe Rummel (1966-1968)

1632 Old Course Drive
Plano, TX 75093
Phone: 214-202-3169

Alexia Damaskos (1968-1969)*

Joanna Merakos (1969-1970)*

Helen J. Beldecos (1970-1972)

493 Barker Road
Springfield, PA 19064
Phone: 610-544-1596
Email: maryhelenjb@gmail.com

Ellen Lagos (1972-1973)*

Tina Zoumboulis (1973-1974)*

Phone: 702-260-8400

Mary Dinell (1974-1975)*

Katherine Caravasio (1975-1976)*

Ann Morris (1976-1977)*

Mary M. Georgiandis (1977-1978)

225 Rossitter Street
Shreveport, LA 71105
Phone: 318-868-5261
Email: bigredretired@bellsouth.net

Victoria Katsis (1978-1979)*

Jo Ann Pagonis (1979-1980)

14800 N. Pennsylvania, Apt, 228
Oklahoma City, OK 73134
Phone: 405-550-0507

Toula Dallas (1980-1981)*

Sonja Stefanadis (1981-1982)

460 Palm Island SE
Clearwater, FL 33767
Phone: 727-447-2715
Email: sgstef@aol.com

Elizabeth Pappas (1994-1995)

51 Virginia Street
Springfield, MA 01108-2622
Phone: 413-732-3698
Email: lizapappas@verizon.net

Maria Spirtos (1982-1983)

24173 Long Valley Road
Hidden Hills, CA 91302
Phone: 818-884-8976
Email: Valas54@aol.com

Elaine Kevgas (1983-1984)

1 Eleventh Street
Salisbury Beach, MA 01952
Phone: 978-204-0507
Email: ekkevgas@gmail.com

Thalia Banis (1984-1985)*

Lillian Demitry (1985-1986)*

95 Beechwood Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08618
Phone: 609-695-4033
Email: EHopeD@verizon.net

Felicia Papuchis (1986-1987)*

Kaliope Xenakis (1987-1988)

3001 Deer Creek Country Club Blvd
Room 209
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Phone: 954-481-3210
Email: kmx@bellsouth.net

Becky Demeris (1988-1989)

1601 S. Shepherd Drive, Unit 123
Houston, TX 77019-3534
Phone: 713-529-0923
Cell: 713-805-2536

Julia G. Constantine (1989-1990)*

Cornelia A. Pappas (1990-1991)

73 Hollywood Avenue
Crestwood, NY 10707
Phone: 914-793-0235

Anna L. Topoguis (1991-1992)*

Theodora P. Dacales (1992-1993)*

Angie R. Speliopoulos (1993-1994)

12095 - 48th Avenue, North
Plymouth, MN 55422
Phone: 612-481-9292
Email: aspelio@hotmail.com

Mary M. Verges (1995-1996)

4421 Simsbrook Drive
Houston, TX 77045-5437
Phone: 713-433-7577
Email: mmverges@aol.com

Joanne V. Hologgitas, PhD (1996-1997)*

Kiki Lorentzou (1997-1998)

3416 241st Avenue SE
Issaquah, WA 98029
Phone: 908-860-4174
Email: Kikilorentzou@gmail.com

Catherine C. Ferguson (1998-1999)

2310 S. Euclid Avenue
Berwyn, IL 60402-2453
Phone: 708-749-4527
Email: ccsf777@sbcglobal.net

Constance Aretos (1999-2000)

1448 Miravalle Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94024
Phone: 650-964-5174
Email: connieala@aol.com

Betty Benjou (2000-2001)

12853 East Villanova Drive
Aurora, CO 80014
Phone: 303-755-6423
Email: bettyb@springmail.com

Joanne Booras (2001-2002)

PO Box 1556
Danville, CA 94526
Phone: 925-736-1343
Email: joanne16@sbcglobal.net

Evellyn Tsiadis (2002-2003)

911 Margaret Court
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
Phone: 908-512-6222
Email: evellynt@aol.com

Angela V. Kavounas (2003-2004)

Email: angela30000@aol.com

Demi Kapolis (2004-2005)

22 Bradford Commons Lane
Braintree, MA 02184
Phone: 781-843-3575
Email: demicapecod@aol.com

Mary Boufis Filou, PhD (2005-2006)

399 Cedar Avenue
Islip, NY 11751-4627
Phone: 631-277-4665
Email: mfilou@verizon.net

Georgia A. Psychogios (2006-2007)

1033 Oakwood Drive
Westmont, IL 60559-1039
Phone: 630-654-1473
Email: gpsychogios@aol.com

Karen B. Stamatiades (2007-2008)

2223 Brooke Farm Court
Dunwoody, GA 30338
Phone: 770-365-2490
Email: kstamatiades@mindspring.com

Barbara Staviv Wolf (2008-2009)

PO Box 3669
Covington, LA 70434-3669
Phone: 985-892-1574
Email: bstaviswolf@yahoo.com

Elaine M. Sampanis (2009-2010)

6437 Tylers Crossing
W. Chester, OH 45069
Phone: 513-779-0842
Cell: 513-919-4277
Email: jubilobby@aol.com

Christine Malgarinos (2010-2011)

5 Locust Road
Ossining, NY 10562
Cell: 847-204-7334
Email: christinekc2011@gmail.com

Nicky Stamoulis (2011-2012)

64 Caddy Drive
Salem, NH 03079
Cell: 727-386-9251
Email: nstamoulis1@gmail.com

Joanne Saltas (2012-2014)

20 W. Lester Avenue, B14
Murray, UT 84107
Cell: 801-558-4591
Email: joannesaltas@gmail.com

Anna-Helene Grossomanides (2014-2015)

153 High Street, Unit 3
Westerly, RI 02891
United States
Phone: 917-836-7684
Cell Phone: 917-836-7684
Email: anna-helene@cox.net

Connie Pilallis (2015-2016)

611 Canistel Lane
Boca Raton, FL 33486
United States
Phone: 561-361-9880
Cell Phone: 561-212-4714
Email: cppallas@comcast.net

Jan Spanos (2016-2017)

3224 Del Paso Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815-1506
Home: 916-837-4563
Email: janspanos@aol.com

Eva Jean Fomalont (2017-2018)

8109 Rancho Lago Ct. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
Cell: 505-350-1086
Email: evajeanf@gmail.com

**Deceased*



MAIDS OF ATHENA GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Tatiana Tsaprailis
Maids of Athena Grand President
moagrandpresident@gmail.com
5 Coach Court SW
Calgary, AB T3H4P7
CANADA
403-874-8700
Liaison to Districts: 20, 21, 22, 25, 26

Theodora Ronstadt
Maids of Athena Grand Vice President
moagrandvicepresident@gmail.com
7110 N Olcott
Chicago, IL 60631
773-443-5515
Liaison to Districts: 11, 16, 17, 23, 24

Maria Ana Pantelous
Maids of Athena Grand Secretary
moagrandsecretary@gmail.com
321 Browning Lane
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
856-834-2518
Liaison to Districts: 1, 3, 4, 5

Michel-Gabrielle Legato
Maids of Athena Grand Treasurer
moagrandtreasurer@gmail.com
6 Glenmore Drive
Schenectady, NY 12309
518-813-5086
Liaison to Districts: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9

Kyra Vidas
Maids of Athena Grand Governor
moagrandgovernor@gmail.com
5028 North Neva Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
773-899-0925
Liaison to Districts: 10, 12, 13, 14



AHEPA SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS

SUPREME PRESIDENT - AHEPA
GEORGE E. LOUCAS, R.Ph, J.D.
25550 CHAGRIN BLVD., SUITE 320
BEACHWOOD, OH 44122
GLOUCAS@LOUCASLAW.COM

216-834-0400 (WORK)
216-956-1234 (CELL)
216-834-0404 (FAX)

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT - AHEPA
JIMMY KOKOTAS
2341 – E. 71ST STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11234
AHEPA1922@GMAIL.COM

917-584-5599 (CELL)

CANADIAN PRESIDENT - AHEPA
CHRISTOS ARGIRIOU
135 HARRIS BLVD
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
R8J 3P3 CANADA
CARGIRIOU1@GMAIL.COM

204-296-4848 (CELL)

SUPREME SECRETARY - AHEPA
GEORGE G. HORIATES
600 EAST CAMDEN AVENUE
MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057
GGHORIATES@AOL.COM

856-986-8972 (CELL)
856-665-2085 (WORK)

SUPREME TREASURER
GEORGE S. BOORAS
P.O. BOX 1556
DANVILLE, CA 94526
GBOORAS@SBCGLOBAL.NET

925-216-8981 (CELL)
650-855-2471 (WORK)

SUPREME COUNSELOR - AHEPA
LOUIS G. ATSAVES
745 – E. NORTHMOOR RD.
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045
ATSAVES@AOL.COM

312-322-0001 (WORK)
847-401-1674 (CELL)

SUPREME ATHLETIC DIR. - AHEPA
CHRIS G. ATSAVES
1233 HAWTHORNE LANE
GLENVIEW, IL 60025
CHRIS.ATSAVES@UBS.COM

312-525-4510 (WORK)
847-729-3253 (HOME)

SONS NATIONAL ADVISOR – AHEPA
SANDY J. PAPAPOULOS
2852 HAWTHORNE DRIVE
ATLANTA, GA 30345
SANDYPAP@GMAIL.COM

78-860-6564 (CELL)

SUPREME GOV., REG. 1 - AHEPA
PETER J. NASSOS 404-429-6680 (CELL)
4846 FORESTGLADE CIRCLE
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30087
PNASSOS@COMCAST.NET

SUPREME GOV., REG. 2 - AHEPA
GEORGE V. PAPASPYROU 410-693-9773 (CELL)
3067 TUDOR HALL ROAD
RIVA, MD 2110
PAPASPYROU64@GMAIL.COM

SUPREME GOV., REG. 3 - AHEPA
GEORGE KARATZIA 732-536-6801 (HOME)
24 LONGFELLOW TERRACE
MORGANVILLE, NJ 07751
BAKLAVAUSA@YAHOO.COM

SUPREME GOV., REG. 4 - AHEPA
JACK ISAAC 860-224-2183 (HOME)
15 SYLVAN ROAD
NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053
JCKISAAC012@GMAIL.COM

SUPREME GOV., REG. 5 - AHEPA
CRAIG A. THEROS 313-218-7548 (HOME)
284 MASON AVENUE
ANN ARBOR, MI 48103
CTHEROS10@GMAIL.COM

SUPREME GOV., REG. 6 - AHEPA
PETER G. LEKAS 312-613-9689 (CELL)
7045 CALDWELL AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60646
KINGPETERG@AOL.COM

SUPREME GOV., REG. 7 - AHEPA
NICKOLAS C. DIXIE 214-577-4116 (CELL)
9340 MOSS CIRCLE DRIVE
DALLAS, TX 75243
NIXCDIX@ATT.NET

SUPREME GOV., REG. 8 - AHEPA
WYNN T.D. STORTON 760-832-2825 (CELL)
42-215 WASHINGTON STREET, #A-154
PALM DESERT, CA 92211
WYNN@AHEPA528.ORG

SUPREME GOV., REG. 10 - AHEPA
PHANOS L. PITIRIS 011-35-72-233-1195 (HOME)
6 NICOS THEOPHANOUS STR.
NICOSIA, 2416 CYPRUS
PPITIRIS@AHEPACYPRUS.ORG



SONS OF PERICLES SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS

Greg Vourloumis
Supreme President
g.vourloumissop@gmail.com
404.751.7831
Districts: 3 & 16

Fred Docous
Supreme Vice President
f.docoussop@gmail.com
518.860.6871
Districts: 5, 10, 12, 13, 14

Paul Pavlakos
Supreme Secretary
p.pavlakossop@gmail.com
561.704.6362
Districts: 2, 6, 7, 8, 9

Tim Noitsis
Supreme Treasury
t.noitsissop@gmail.com
416.821.4124
Districts: 11, 22, 23, 24, 26

Ryan Marinos
Supreme Governor
r.marinossop@gmail.com
404.272.0395
Districts: 1, 3, 17, 20, 21

Dimitris Raptis
Supreme Governor of Europe
d.raptissop@gmail.com
+30 698.953.5957
District: 25

Chris Tavantzis
Supreme Athletic Director
c.tavantzissop@gmail.com
917.330.3095

THE STORY OF PENELOPE



In ancient Greek mythology, Penelope was the wife of Odysseus, King of Ithaca. Odysseus left her with their son, Telemachus, when he went to the Trojan War.

After the war ended, numerous mishaps and weary wanderings kept him from returning home.

As time went on and he did not return, many suitors tried to claim her hand. For a long time, she put them off with the plea that she must finish a robe for Laertes, her father-in-law; but every night she unraveled what she had woven by day, thus remaining faithful to the memory of Odysseus and steadfast to the sanctity of her home.

Finally, Odysseus appeared after an absence of twenty years. The name of our Order, *Daughters of Penelope*, symbolizes all the noble virtues that made up the character of *Penelope*.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE HISTORY

The *Daughters of Penelope* was the realization of Alexandra Apostolides' dream. Her desire was to create a woman's organization. Because of her perseverance, and the encouragement of her husband Dr. Emanuel Apostolides, a devoted Ahepan, she formed *Eos Chapter #1* with 25 charter members on November 16, 1929 in San Francisco, California. She was elected the first Grand President in 1931.

Mrs. Apostolides envisioned a new beginning for the Greek American women. She drafted the basic principles of our organization, which became an inspiration to all women.

The Daughters of Penelope is the women's organization of the AHEPA Family (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Today it is a leader in philanthropic, educational and cultural activities with over 250 Chapters in United States, Canada, Greece, Germany and with sister Chapters in Australia.

In 1938, the establishment of the first Canadian Chapter in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, by Sister Cleo Girgulis, paved the way for the Daughters of Penelope to become an international organization. The first Daughter's chapter in Greece was formed in 1954 by Past Grand President Adeline Geo-Karis, making our bonds to the mother country even stronger.

The Daughters of Penelope not only help through monetary contributions. They devote countless hours of volunteer work in hospitals, senior citizen's homes, women's and daycare centers. Further, they organize educational seminars, award scholarships, sponsor HUD housing and women's shelters, help the less fortunate, support their local church, and make a huge difference in their community.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Order of the Daughters of Penelope is comprised of the following units:

Chapters: All Daughters of Penelope are members of local Chapters, which conduct meetings and sponsor civic, educational, charitable and social activities. Chapter Officers are elected annually by their members.

District Lodges: Daughters of Penelope Chapters are grouped into Districts which organize regional seminars, conferences, and the annual District Convention. District Lodge Officers are elected by the delegates sent by the Chapters to the District Convention.

Grand Lodge: All Districts come under the aegis of the Grand Lodge. Delegates from each Chapter attend the Supreme Convention, held annually, where committees are formed by the delegates to study projects, rules and regulations and approve new ones. The Grand Lodge officers are elected by the Chapter delegates attending the Supreme Convention. All members are encouraged to participate in worthwhile projects both nationally and in their respective communities.

Maids of Athena: The young woman's auxiliary of the Daughters of Penelope. The Maids of Athena Chapter meetings are attended by an advisor who is a member of the local Daughters Chapter. It is an exciting experience for a young woman to participate in the undertakings of the Maids of Athena, who practice their Hellenic culture, traditions and ideals. It is an opportunity for these young ladies to develop leadership and governing experience as well as make friendships that last a lifetime.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE LOGO



The *Head of Penelope*, in ancient headdress, symbolizes friendship and womanhood, and is significant of the very foundation of life, home and country.

The *Olive Wreath*, encircling the head of Penelope, is symbolic of the only prize given to the Olympic victors, participating in the ancient Olympic Games.

The *Cross* is a symbol of our Christian Faith, and the *Crossed Sabers* are taken from the Shield of the Greek Nation.

The *Eagle* symbolizes the United States, where our Order was founded.

The letters ΘΠ (Theta-Pi) stand for Θυγατερες της Πηνελοπης, thus we are known as the Daughters of Penelope.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
CONTACT INFORMATION

1909 Q Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: 202-234-9741
Fax: 202-483-6983
E-mail: dophq@ahempa.org

DOP Website: www.daughtersofpenelope.org
AHEPA Website: www.ahempa.org
MOA Website: www.maidsofathena.org
SOP Website: www.sonsofpericles.org