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Constantine Elected Grand President of Daughters of Penelope



WASHINGTON (July 30, 2010)—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women’s organization, elected Christine K. Constantine, Vernon Hills , Ill., Grand President for the 2010-11 administrative year. Elections were held July 16, 2010 at the 88th Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

“It is a great honor to be elected Grand President,” said Constantine, who is a member of Zoe Chapter No. 311, Glenview, Ill. “I look forward to working with the Grand Lodge and the members to take our existing successful programs in education, philanthropy, and social services to greater levels to the benefit of the community.”

Constantine, a 39-year member of the Daughters of Penelope, has served all major positions at national and regional levels within the organization, including Grand Vice-President (2009-10) and District 13 Governor for two terms (2001-03). Also, she has served as treasurer of the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., and she participated on committees that focus on budget and finance.

“In my 39-plus years of active membership, I realized that membership growth is essential in order to sustain the viability of our Sisterhood,” she added. “Therefore, we will continue to promote the slogan ‘Take The Lead With Passion,’ which we utilized last year, to achieve our membership development goals.”

The newly-elected grand president is a graduate of AIB College of Business, Des Moines, Iowa. Constantine is a manufacturer’s sales representative in the hospitality/contract furniture sector. She also works part-time as an accountant’s assistant.

Constantine is a member of Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church in Lincolnshire, Illinois. She was born and raised in Ames, Iowa and the oldest of four children of Tom and Elsie Constantine.

2010-11 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge

Elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge were: Grand Vice President Nicky Stamoulis, Seminole, Fla.; Canadian President Christina Andrews, Edmonton, Alberta; Grand

Secretary Joanne Saltas, Murray, Utah; Grand Treasurer Anna-Helene Panagakos, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Grand Governor Zone I Georgia Foundotos, St. James, N.Y.; Grand Governor Zone II Connie



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Pilallis, Boca Raton, Fla.; Grand Governor Zone III Angela Magrames, Mishawaka, Ind.; Grand Governor Zone IV Cleo Rumpakis, Portland, Ore.; and Maids of Athena Grand Advisor Demi Thomas, Ridgewood, N.J.



Photo-Top Row L to R: Grand Governor Zone I Georgia Foundotos, Grand Governor Zone II Connie Pilallis, Grand Governor Zone IV Cleo Rumpakis, Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Demi Thomas, Grand Governor Zone III Angela Magrames. **Bottom Row L to R:** Grand Secretary Joanne Saltas, Grand Vice President Nicky Stamoulis, Grand President Christine K. Constantine, Canadian President Christina Andrews and Grand Treasurer Anna-Helene Panagakos.

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

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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