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## **Grand President Visits Capitol Hill, Meets with Hellenic Caucus Members**

**WASHINGTON (December 12, 2016)**—Daughters of Penelope Grand President Jan Spanos met with U.S. representatives, who are also members of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, to update them on the community service provided by DOP chapters at home and abroad. The Grand President met with: U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-FL), co-chair, Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues; U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), co-chair, Congressional Hellenic Caucus; U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), U.S. Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV), and U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas (D-MA) on December 8, 2016.

“We greatly appreciated the generous time afforded us to discuss the community service outreach by our chapters here and abroad, “ Grand President Spanos said. “We especially wanted to update caucus members on our observations from October’s visit to our chapters in Greece. Our members in Greece are doing extraordinary work with day care centers, public health facilities, and domestic violence organizations, and we had a lot to share with legislators regarding the impact of Greece’s economic and migratory crises on these social services organizations.”

In addition, Grand President Spanos discussed community service programs in the United States, which also include support for domestic violence shelters and affordable housing for the elderly.

DOP Executive Director Elena Saviolakis and Past Grand President Joanne Saltas accompanied Grand President Spanos to Capitol Hill.

- **READ:** [Congresswoman Maloney’s statement from meeting](#)
- **ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** [Congresswoman Titus tweets about meeting with DOP](#)

The mission of the DOP is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism. It is an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA).

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