

## Delta District 16 AHEPA Family



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## Delta District #16 Newsletter

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## DISTRICT CONVENTION Save the Date!

The 2017 Delta District 16 Convention will be hosted by the District 16 AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope District Lodges.

**DATES: June 22-25, 2017**

**HOTEL: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Austin**

6505 North Interstate 35, Austin, Texas, 78752-4346,

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(Please make sure to connect with the correct  
Doubletree in Austin as there is more than one.)

**Make Hotel Reservations soon as the hotel is filling up fast!**

The room rate is \$125 per night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at **800.347.0330**. Please refer to the group name: ***American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association 2017 AHEPA Annual Convention.***

Plan now to have fun in Austin. Many activities are planned and there will be events, meetings, socials, dinners and dancing.



**Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Austin**

## **GALVESTON AHEPA NEWS**

The George Marinos Galveston, Texas Chapter #276 took part in the AHEPA 2016 Christmas Outreach Program by donating food and clothing to the Cristus - Our Daily Bread Charity in Galveston, Texas.

Brothers Nick Voris, Stanley Marinos, Lee Douvry, and Clinton Landrom on Thursday, December 22, 2016 presented Ms. Linda D. Coleman, Director of Our Daily Bread, the needed Christmas cheer.



## **District Governor Daughters of Penelope Gretchen Holtsinger - News Update**

**The Daughters of Penelope District 16 Workshop** was held on Saturday, January 21, in Houston, where attendance included **Grand President Jan Spanos** and **Grand Vice President Eva Jean Fomalont**, who provided us with updates from National and continued encouragement to fulfill our growth and expansion goals for the year. There were 7 chapters represented. The

workshop featured guest speakers **Toni Ann Torrans, Executive Director of Penelope House** and **Kathryn Coumanis**, author of *You Can't Beat an Alabama Woman*, chronicling the founding of Penelope House in Mobile, Alabama, and **Eugenia Kakadiaris**, founder of our D16 Daughters project, Adopt-A-Greek-School to adopt schools in Greece.



Workshop registration included a signed copy of Kathryn Coumanis' book, with additional copies available for purchase, along with our new D16 fundraiser **aprons** on sale for \$15. For those who were not able to attend, books and aprons can still be ordered from DG Gretchen, and will be sent by UPS or hand-delivered during my upcoming visitations to the chapters.

### **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**

**DISTRICT #16 2016-2017 OFFICERS** are: Governor Gretchen Holtsinger  
Lieutenant Governor Effie Mitsopoulos Secretary Katie Pat Bowman  
Treasurer Sylvia Mourtakos and District Advisor DOP/MOA Johanna Pappas.

District Governor Gretchen advises that she is thoroughly enjoying all chapter visitations and the opportunity to get to know more about the histories of each of the chapters, the sisters who make up our great district, and the good work done for the Daughters of Penelope.

## **AHEPA Dallas Chapter 20**

Sunday, February 26, 2017, the Dallas AHEPA chapter joined with the Basil P. Shropulos family to celebrate his 100th birthday (February 23, 2017) at the Arthur L. Sarris Community Center of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Dallas, Texas.

Basil has attained a goal seldom reached by many mortals here on earth; age 100. He was initiated into the Tom H. Semos Sons of Pericles Chapter No. 155 in 1934. A few years later (November 11, 1937) he was initiated into the AHEPA Dallas Chapter 20 and served it as Chapter President in 1949, 1970, 2000 thru 2002, Vice President, Captain of the Guard and Chairman, Chapter Board of Governors. He is considered a Lifetime member of the Order of Ahepa with 79+ years of uninterrupted service. His Dallas AHEPA peers, in 2003, bestowed him with the honorary title "Captain of the Guard for Life."



PHOTO: Bro. Shropulos with Chapter President Kim Nikolis, Corresponding Secretary, Nick C. Dixie and Chapter Executive Secretary, Bill Karahal.

Outside chapter activities, he was, as of 1942, the youngest Parish Council member to be elected President of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas. Before retirement, he owned and operated the Quality Food Market and later assisted his son-in-law, at his restaurant. He now considers himself retired and living with his wife, Helen at their Dallas home of many years.

Our chapter has declared we annually celebrate February 23rd as "Basil P. Shropulos Centennial Day."

**Congratulations Basil!**



## New Orleans Daughters Welcome DG Gretchen

The members of Nestor Chapter #55 of the Daughters, New Orleans were excited to welcome District Governor Gretchen Holtsinger to the chapter during the Mardi Gras Season and as the Chapter celebrated the 80th Anniversary of their founding on February 26, 1937. After going to dinner on Saturday night and attending Church services at Holy Trinity on Sunday morning, DG Gretchen visited with the members of the New Orleans Community and Daughters members. The Chapter was officiated by Chapter President Denise Ammons, 2016 District Daughter of the Year. Sister Gretchen concluded the meeting with inspiring remarks about the Daughters projects and programs and the upcoming District Conventioin. Afterwards everyone enjoyed delicious New Orleans refreshments and Mardi Gras King Cake!



Members New Orleans Nestor Chapter



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