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Delta District #16 Newsletter

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MESSAGE

AHEPA District Gov
 Geoff Crabtree

ORLANDO JULY 2013 SUPREME CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Your AHEPA District Lodge will be working this year to bring continued growth to our AHEPA Family in the Chapters and the District. It is an honor to have the Supreme President, Brother Anthony Kouzounis, from our District and to have the 2014 Supreme Convention also in our District, in New Orleans in July.

We look forward to an active and very productive year for the district and chapters. Please contact me or any District Lodge Officer with any questions or concerns that you have.

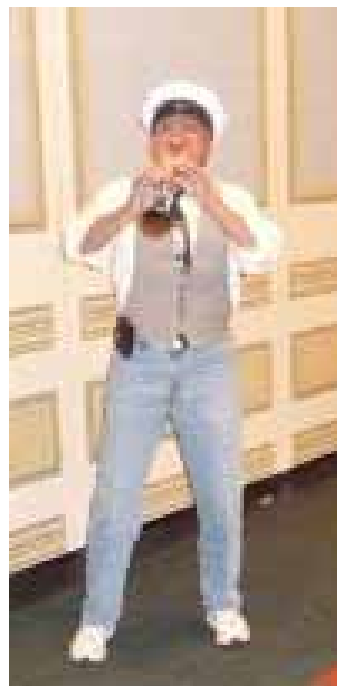
Working together we can assure a very successful year.

**Geoff Crabtree
District Governor #16**

**MESSAGE
DOP District Gov
Vali Maglaras**



The Supreme Convention in Orlando at the beautiful Loews Portofino, a very large resort, a members a lot of exercise walking to the various venues and meeting room. The events were er the highlight of the Convention was the presentation by District #16 of a "Taste of New Orleans in the AHEPA meeting room immediately preceding the Nomination of Anthony Kouzounis fi President.





As we begin a new year within the AHEPA Family, I would like to thank my Sisters for re-electing me and allowing me to serve a second term as District Governor. Our District had a successful year last year, "Working Together in the Spirit of Penelope". With that in mind, I tried to imagine how we could move forward, where our next step as a District would lead us.

Every single Sister, and AHEPA Family member for that matter, is a leader. It is our duty to provide "Leadership through Service". As members of the world's largest Hellenic philanthropic organization, each and every one of us provides our talents and skills, our "Leadership" through "Service" in this organization. We do so with integrity and purpose.

It is my intent as your Daughters of Penelope District Governor to provide an example of "Leadership through Service". I look forward to visiting with you all during the year and wish each of you a successful year!

Vali Maglaras
District Governor #16

Supreme President
Anthony Kouzounis

George Psilos

George Psilos and Barbara Stavis Wolf, the representatives from New Orleans arranged a Marc tribute in anticipation of Anthony's nomination at the Supreme Convention on Friday, August 23.

Playing his Clarinet



With George playing his clarinet, John Georgiandis twirling the umbrella, Daughters members "mandilis" and other members throwing out "beads" made a unique festive atmosphere in meeting room.

District #16 is very proud that Anthony Kouzounis of our District is our new AHEPA Supreme President.



We extend our Congratulations to Anthony and send him all the best wishes for a most successful year.



At the Orlando Supreme Convention, prior to nominations, George Psilos of New Orleans, playing his clarinet, led a joyous procession into the AHEPA meeting room with Mardi Gras beads and handkerchiefs waving, singing: *"Oh when Kouzounis, Goes Marching in!"*



It was exciting and fun! Thank you George for leading the way and to John Georgiandis for 2nd lining New Orleans style with Greek Umbrella and sash!



Thanks to



everyone who danced and sang through the AHEPA meeting room.



VANGIE BARROW
National Penelope of the Year
2013



District #16 is proud to recognize the National Penelope of the Year, **VANGIE BARROW**, of Achaia Chapter #54 in Houston, who was District Governor in 2002-03 and has served numerous District and Chapter offices, is active in her chapter, in the Church Community and on the Houston DOP HUD Board.

Congratulations Vangie! AXIA!

PAULETTE PASTOR
2013 District
Daughter of the Year



Millie Kouzounis had an armful of beads and cheered on as everyone sang, "Oh when Kouzounis goes marching in".





Congratulations are extended to **Paulette Pastor of Houston** Achaia Chapter #54 on her selection as the 2013 District Daughter of the Year at the San Antonio District Convention. Paulette has been very active in her chapter and has served as the District Convention Secretary. AXIA!

**Maids of Athena
National Advisor
Anne-Marie**



Congratulations to **Anne-Marie Cariotis** of Dallas on her election at the Supreme Convention in Orlando, to the office of Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena and her receipt of the Maids of

DOP D Lt. Gov Stacie Thomas secured the end of the "2nd line" with her roving scooter. It memorable moment of the convention.



District #16 is very proud of Anthony's accomplishments and wish him the utmost success year. It is our honor to have the Supreme President this year from District #16.

Athena Award for
Outstanding Chapter
Advisor of the Year.

DOP Grand Lodge Liaison

**"Individually we are one drop,
Together we are an ocean"**



Sisters in District 16:

I would like to introduce myself to the sisters in District 16. My name is Eva Jean Fomalont DOP Grand Governor Zone III.

I am pleased to have been appointed as the liaison to District 16 for this year. I just returned from the DOP District Governors Conference in Washington DC where I had the opportunity to spend quality time with your DG Sister Vali Maglaras, Lt Governor Stacie Thomas and the Grand Advisor MOA Anne-Marie Cariotis.

District 16 brings to our sisterhood a group of dedicated sisters with a rich legacy of wisdom, vision and talent. I extend my congratulations to District 16 upon attaining many accomplishments



It was MARDI GRAS Fun in Orlando at the 2013 Supreme Convention!

Congratulations to Anthony Kouzounis our new AHEPA Supreme President. Keep the action and going as everyone prepares to gather in New Orleans for a festive culmination of an incredible ye

and awards this past year!
 I look forward to working with and
 serving the sisters in District 16.

**Yours in Theta Pi,
 Eva Jean**

**Shreveport 90th Anniversary
 Party!**



Christina Lester and
 Sophia Winter



Magda and Chris Panos



Andrew & Fay Panos



Plan now to attend the New Orleans Supreme Convention, July 20-26, 2014, at the Sheraton N Hotel to pay tribute to the accomplishments and wonderful year of the Supreme President.



Cassie Mandrapilias



Alex Booras with daughters
Katina and Deanna



Kiki Casten and



Maria Kirkikis
Katina & Sammy Booras



District #16 Sup Conv Party

Every year District #16 gives a fabulous party at the Supreme Convention. This year it was the top party!



Vali Maglaras, Millie and Anthony Kouzounis and Becky Demeris



George Psilos and Anthony Kouzounis



Yanni Remediakis and Hrisanthe Patts

Thank you to DG Vali and AHEPA PDG John Boyd for pulling this party together and to AHEPA Supreme President John Grossomanides and his wife Grand Vice President Anna-Helene for



SHREVEPORT AHEPA CHAPTER #8 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION A Night to Honor the AHEPA Family

allowing us to use their beautiful suite for the party.



Sharon Papasopoulos, Anna-Helene Grossomanides and Mary Georgiandis



Delores Pappas and Barbara Maligas

The Refreshments were plentiful and members of the district along with guests from many other districts came by to say hello and give best wishes to our District members and officers.



Anne-Marie Cariotis, Vali Maglaras, George Kontos and Anthony



Kouzounis Stacie Thomas, John Georgiandis, Lia Fabro and Anne-Marie Cariotis



On August 31, 2013, Shreveport Chapter #8 celebrated its 90th Anniversary since its founding on August 29, 1923. The chapter has had an active and vibrant history. Honored at the Celebration Members Alex Booras, Sammy Booras, Dan Booras, James Cosse, John Cosse, Chris Demopu Kosmitis, Socrates Lorant, Nick Mandrapilias, Alex Mijalis, Gus Mijalis, James Stamos, Emanuel and Harry Stravolemos. It was also a celebration of Alex Booras' 90th Birthday!



Over 100 were in attendance for the gala banquet and dance at St. George Activities Center. members received Life Time awards and several others received years of service pins.



Vali Maglaras and Mike Spartalis



Stacie Thomas and John Georgiafandis

The District #16 Party was again the Big hit of the Supreme Convention.



A plaque was presented with the names of all the deceased brothers that had 25 years or more in the order. AHEPA Chapter President John Georgiafandis spoke on the storied history of the order and highlighted many memorable moments.



PSG John Georgiafandis



PGP Mary Georgiafandis

Supreme Governor Nick Dixie and DG #16 Governor Geoff Crabtree were in attendance and made brief remarks about the contributions of the chapter.

District Lodge Announcements



The AHEPA District Lodge #16 is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Houston AHEPAN **Nicholas Lambron** as the new District Treasurer. **Thank you Nicholas for stepping forward to take on this office.**

District #16 new chapters!

AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Chapters from Oilfield District #15 in Oklahoma, Kansas and Kansas City, MO, are moving to District #16. The Chapters in District #15 are being divided and part of the chapters will be additions to our Delta District #16. **Welcome to all members of District #15.** We are happy to have you join us and look forward to meeting you soon.



AHEPA Sup Gov Nick Dixie

The evening spotlight though, was on the Supreme President of the Order of AHEPA, District Anthony Kouzounis, of Houston. This was Brother Anthony's first visitation as Supreme President surely appreciated by all those in attendance.



PDG John Boyd, Betty Boyd, Alex Booras and Supreme President Anthony and Millie Kouzounis



Andrew Panos, SP Anthony and Chris Panos



SP Anthony Kouzounis and Alex Booras

**MORE SUPREME
CONVENTION
HIGHLIGHTS**

District #16 Daughters received the award for the most new members this year.



GVP Anna-Helene Grossomanides presents District #16 Membership Award to Dist Lt Gov Stacie Thomas.

The Grand Banquet was a very special event of the Convention. Basile served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, and did an exceptional job keeping things moving and entertaining the audience.



John Georgiandis, Sam Fashho, Jana Post and Greg Panos
Daughters of Penelope Ajax Chapter #211 celebrated 64 years since it was founded May 29, 1949.



Members of Daughters of Penelope Ajax Chapter #211.

The Daughters honored two founding members that were in attendance. Daughters Chapter Pres Georgiandis spoke of the celebrated history of Ajax Chapter and awarded icons to Daughters m

Chris P. Tomaras was presented the 2013 Academy of Achievement in Business Award at the Banquet. Mr. Tomaras, born in Piraeus, attended the Athens Graduate School of Economics and Business Sciences and thereafter moved to the United States. He was involved in several business ventures and then established a successful 20 year operation of the largest Greek food products manufacturer in the US known as "Kronos Foods".

That company was sold in 1994 after which time Mr. Tomaras has been involved in philanthropic projects with significant contributions to several Greek institutions that support Greek education and offer assistance to Greek communities. In 1998 he founded the **PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation** which offers annual scholarships to Greek American students.

At the Banquet Mr. Tomaras spoke of the importance of education and how the Greeks have flourished in this country because of the emphasis by families on formal and professional education.

AT THE BANQUET



Third generation Booras AHEPA Family Members

The evening concluded with lots of dancing to the music of Ouzo Entertainment. It was a wonderful well deserved celebration.





**John and Betty Boyd and
Artie Tripodi**



**Hrisanthe Patts,
Mary Katsafanas, Mary and John
Georgiandis**



**Hrisanthe Patts, Stacie Thomas,
Vali Maglaras and Anne-Marie
Cariotis**



**Sharon Papdopoulos and
Yanni Remediakis**



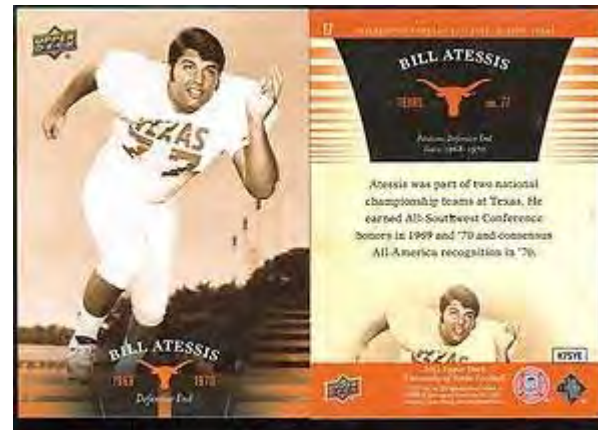
**Harlene Carlett, Becky Demeris
& Connie Aretos**

The Evening program was a beautiful collection of historical information and photos
Shreveport AHEPA Family.

[Click here to view 90th Anniversary Program.](#)

BILL ATESSIS INDUCTED TO AHEPA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

by E. Michael Spartalis



Houston's William (Bill) Atessiss was inducted into the AHEPA Athletic Hall of Fame at the 2013 AHEPA Suprem Athletic Luncheon in Orlando, FL. Bill Atessiss is noted as one of the most honored and productive defensive ends in N Bill was a Texas High School All-State football tackle in 1966 and thereafter was inducted into the Texas High School Fame. At the University of Texas, Bill was a 3 year starter, 3 year letterman at left defensive end, and started in the ' championships teams of 1969 and 1970.



**Mary M Verges and
Delores Pappas**



**Alex Katsafanas and
Karen Stamatiades**



**Mary Katsfanas and
John Georgiandis**



**Kostas Hazifotis and
Mary Georgiandis**



Bill at University of Texas

Bill was a member of teams which set a school record 30 game winning streak that currently stands as the 12th lon history. Bill was a consensus 1st Team All-American in 1970, a second team All-American in 1969, and a finalist f Trophy. In 1970 he was voted Southwest Conference Co-Lineman of the Year.



Bill today a member of Houston AHEPA CI



Barbara Stavis Wolf, Nick Dixie and Vali Maglaras

Athletic Luncheon



Barbara Maligas and Mary Katsafanas



Karen Stamatiades and Mary Georgiandis

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The Skepsou District #16 Newsletter was first introduced in Shreveport by J. K. Theo. Subsequent Shreveport Editors of AHEPA/Daughters included Jim Theo, Gary Calligas,

Bill (#77) in the red Jersey) played in the 1971 Senior Bowl and is a member of the University of Texas Athletic Hall of



Honor.

Here Bill Ateasis putting pressure on Notre Dame Quarterback Joe Theisman In the 1971 Cotton Bowl

Bill was drafted in the second round by the National Football League Baltimore Colts, played defensive end England Patriots in 1971, playing portions of three seasons in the NFL. Bill is a member of Houston AHEPA District #16 proudly Congratulates Bill Ateasis on this honor.



Margaret Angelos Booras, and Demmye and Georgia Booras.

**Nestor Chapter #55
Events**

**At the
Celebration Tea**



Anthoula Malachias, Evangelia Bilalis and Angela



**Tsatsoulis
Adrienne Dabbs Owen, Barbara Stavis Wolf and Sophia Pappas.**

SEPTEMBER MEETING



**Sandy Bouzon,
Magda Pelias and**

Bill is a Certified Construction Manager in Houston working in Construction Management for the past 30 years. Kelli and he has three children and 4 grandchildren.

[Click here to view Convention Athletic Luncheon Program](#)

**A New Year for
DOP Achaia 54, Houston**

by Sharon Papadopoulos, President

It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces at both the District Convention in San Antonio and the Convention in Orlando, Florida! We have been so blessed---two of our sisters were honored at Convention---PDG **Vangie Barrow** won District Penelope of the Year and **Paulette Pastor** Daughter of the Year. Our good fortune continued as we went on to Orlando where Vangie won Penelope of the Year, our Daughters of District 16 won the award for the most new members, PDG Cariotis received the award for Outstanding Chapter Advisor and was elected National Advisor to Athena. Axia!

After the break for the summer it was great to have the Sisters together again for our September where we celebrated the honors received at the District and National Conventions.



**Celebration Cake
for Achaia 54
September Meeting**



**PGG Barbara Maliagas and PGP Becky
September Meeting**

We are trying novel events this year to build excitement and interest in our chapter. Every month we highlight with a snapshot story of her life. Many have commented favorably and look forward to the next installment of our Stay tuned!

More social events to entice new members into our chapter are in the works such as-- a January Brunch, outings and outings. Fun ideas for chapter meetings such as all wearing the same color, or a hat are on the agenda. Business meetings have to be long and dreary. We are also promoting car pooling to enable more sisters to attend meetings.

Adrienne Dabbs Owen



**Mary Kontos,
Argie Kleamenakis,
Elaine Nugent and
Vicky Caridas Bell**



**Anna Razza and
Vange Malachias**



**Argyro Stratis and
Marlene Liaptios**



**Denise Ammons, Angeliki
Gervais, Barbara Staviv Wolf and
Rania Mantikos**



Vangie Barrow, Sharon Papadopoulos and Paulette



**Pastor
Harlene Corlett and
Becky Demeris**



**Mary M Verges, Vangie Barrow
and Joann Lambon**



**Achaia Chapter
Members
at
September 2013 Meeting**



On Saturday, October, 12 we will enjoy a festive time at Theo's Restaurant. We will celebrate PDG Vang National Penelope of the Year, Anthony Kouzounis as newly elected Supreme President of AHEPA,

**HOUSTON AHEPA FAMILY
PRESENTS:
A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION**

**PROCEEDS BENEFITTING AHEPA'S
MEDICAL SUPPLY INITIATIVES TO
GREECE**

**Honoring Houston's
Finest**

**Anthony Kouzounis
Supreme President Order of
AHEPA**

**Vangie Barrow
2013 Daughters Penelope
of the Year**

**Bill Atessis
2013 Inductee, AHEPA Sports
Hall of Fame**

**and
Alexander the Great AHEPA
Chapter #29
2013 AHEPA Chapter of the
Year!**

**Saturday,
October 12, 2013
The Oak Room at Theo's
Restaurant Cocktails 6:00 PM
Call 713-522-4273 for more
information.**

Anniversary of Alexander the Great Chapter #29, Houston, Texas!! This also presents the opportunity to re IOCC to ship medical supplies to Greece.

Our beautiful Style Show will be the first Saturday in November at the Junior League. We will have male n this year---should be lots of fun! We combine this with 'Founder's Day.'

Christmas just could not happen without Santa's Breakfast or our Christmas Eve Wassail! Our community every holiday!



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Achaia 54 has a second HUD Building in progress now that should be completed within the year! Our first is fully occupied and beautifully maintained. We are so proud of these our 'Crown Jewels'!!

Achaia 54 wishes everyone a productive and peaceful year!!!

NEW ORLEANS DAUGHTERS NESTOR CHAPTER #55 CELEBRATION!

by Barbara Stavis Wolf, President

The Daughters in New Orleans started the year with their Chapter Meeting on September 8 and plans for Tea to honor the Outgoing President and 25 year members, a Joint Meeting with the AHEPA in October to plan for the 2014 Supreme Convention in New Orleans, and getting plans underway for their annual Bake Sale Fundraiser. The Chapter Membership Directory was distributed and plans for upcoming initiation of new members was planned.



September Meeting hostesses were Angela Pembo, Juanita Cabali, Nancy Athas and Argie Kleamenakis

The Chapter Celebrated the District and National First Place Awards for Mary Ellen Grace as First Endorser for the most new members.



Mary Ellen Grace receives District \$50 Gift Card Award for most new member applications in the District and at the Supreme Convention received National Award for most new member applicants



**Honoree, Adrienne Dabbs Owen
Nestor #55
Past Chapter President
2011-2013**

The Chapter Celebration Tea was held on September 14 at the New Orleans Ritz Carlton. The menu consisted of delicious sandwiches, deserts, teas, champagne and mimosas. It was great fun being together to start the Celebration was to recognize 25 year members Billie Andersson, Pauline Caridas, Vickie Catsulis, Mary Gian Salles and Angela Tsatsoulis and to thank and honor outgoing Chapter President Adrienne Dabbs Owen for her

two years as President. After enjoying the great food and beverages, the twenty five year members in attendance were presented with their 25 year pin and recognition certificate.



Pauline Caridas and Mary Giannopolus, daughters of Nestor Chater Founding member Bella Castrinos, received 25 year pin and certificates.



Angela Tsatsoulis was honored for 25 years membership.

Past President Adrienne was presented with the Past President's Pin and a beautiful Michael Kors plaque logo bangle hinge bracelet.

Adrienne graciously thanked the chapter for their work during her two years as Chapter President, thanked the members who assisted her and thanked the members who came to meetings, workshops, events and activities to support all the Daughters of Penelope.



Argie Kleamenakis, Angela Pembo, Andrea Munch and Vange Malachias



Juanita Cabali, Nancy Athas, Stella Dabbs and Magda Pelias



Mary Ellen Grace, Deborah MacInnes, Denise Ammons and Kalliope Kountouroudas



Sandy Bouzon, Maria Stokes, Helen Malachias and Mary Kontos



Angie Kringas, Cathy Vial, Connie Tiliakos and Olga Christakis



District #16 DOP Past Grand Presidents
with new
National Maids Advisor, Anne-Marie Cariotis.

Houston DOP Highlights Effie Rombakis

Achaia Chapter recently highlighted Effie Rombakis as a member who has contributed to both her country and community. Born in Massachusetts, after High School Effie went to work in Washington, D.C. for the Maritime Commission. She and her Greek girl friends would always send some money home each payday. In 1947 Effie went to work as a civilian stenographer for the Dept of the Army during WW II.



Effie worked in Europe including work for several Generals including the elder Gen. Schwarzkopf traveled to Greece and met Socrates, to whom she was married for 54 years, before he passed away to

Effie has lived in Houston for the past 23 years, has two sons and has been active in Achaia Chapt Houston and the Greek Community. Achaia commends Sister Effie on her accomplishments and will celebrate her 90th birthday.

We hope you have enjoyed this SKEPSOU issue

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