

Delta District 16 AHEPA Family



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## Delta District #16 Newsletter

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**Gretchen Holtzinger** (holtsinger@att.net)

announce that the Delta District #16 Convention for 2017 will take place in the exciting city of Austin, Texas, on June 22-25, 2017. Mark the dates on your calendar and start making plans now to attend this exciting weekend of activities that will include some new events, getting together with friends from across the district, conducting district business, brainstorming with new ideas and meeting new people.

**PLAN NOW!**  
**JUNE 22-25,**  
**2017**  
**Delta District #16**  
**District Convention**  
**Austin, Texas**





## **Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas**

**News from Daughters of Penelope  
District #16 Governor  
Gretchen Holtsinger**

**Congratulations to all chapter officers. It is your willingness to serve and devote yourselves and your talents to the order that will ensure that the Daughters of Penelope will not only survive but thrive at the chapter, district, and national levels in the years to come.**

**I am honored to serve as your District Governor this year. We thank our outgoing District Lodge officers, Betty Boyd and Barbara Maligas for their service and commitment and welcome this year's new officers:**

**Lieutenant Governor, Effie Mitsopoulos, Electra 3, Kansas City, MO  
Secretary, Katie Pat Bowman, Aura 405, Houston, TX  
Treasurer, Sylvia Mourtakos, Chryseis 434, Clear Lake, TX  
Adviser, Johanna Pappas, Aura 405, Houston, TX**

**I am pleased to announce our Grand Lodge Liaison Officer for this year is Grand Treasurer Aspa Kostopoulos of Ontario, Canada.**

**We are eager to begin another year of service and philanthropy in our chapters, our district, and the DOP national network. Our shared goal for the year is for Delta District 16 to emerge as an active, energetic district through strengthened communication, membership expansion and chapter reactivation, and increased involvement in philanthropic work. National projects for 2016-2017 are:**

***Mandatory Charity Projects:***

***Penelope House Domestic Family Violence Center, Mobile, AL  
Penelope's Place, Brockton, MA  
The Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation***

***Voluntary Charity Projects:***

***Penelopean Day Care Center, Athens, Greece  
Limitless Solutions  
Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc.  
Melissa's Orphanage, Thessaloniki, Greece***

**Our D16 project this year is *Adopt-A-Greek-School*. Detailed information as well as opportunities to support our shared project through new district fundraising**

**initiatives will follow! I look forward to visiting your chapter in the coming months.**

**Sincerely,  
Gretchen**

## **News from AHEPA Dallas Chapter #20**

*by*

*Bill Karahal, Executive Secretary, AHEPA Dallas Chapter 20*

Tuesday, November 8, 2016, AHEPA Dallas Chapter met to honor members, who served in the armed forces of our country, the USA and its ally, Greece. Twenty of the twenty four eligible members were presented AHEPA Veteran pins and certificates by MG (Ret) Harold G. Bunch. A Color Guard provided by the Woodrow Wilson High School ROTC opened and closed the program. Even though this meeting took place on election night, nearly 100 members and guests witnessed the event. Chapter VP, Michael Petridis chaired this highly successful event. Attached is a group photo of all attending veterans.

In addition we honored 15 Lifetime members with Certificates of Merit.

The lifetime members include:

Alex C. Booras, Steve G. Canellos, James P. Christon, Nicholas C. Dixie, Tom L. Fox, Johnny J. Kalaitzes, George Karahal, William A. Karahal, Johnny P. Kouvelis, Tom Maglaras, James Mariades, Basil P. Shropulos, recently deceased James Tassos, , George N. Zarafonetis and Frank Zoys.



**Brothers Shropulos, Tassos and Zarafonetis,  
each have been members of Ahepa for over 80 years.**

## **News from AHEPA NEW ORLEANS Andrew Jackson Chapter #133**

The New Orleans AHEPA Chapter welcomed Supreme President Andrew Zachariades from New Jersey, with AHEPA Executive Director Basil Mossaidis and Past Supreme President Anthony Kouzounis to a special dinner on Monday October 23. Chapter President Lance von Uhde, III along with the Chapter Officers and members cheered the presentation of the 50 year membership pin to John Koniditsiotis. John's son Elias was proud as he saw his father recognized for his many years of dedicated service to the Order of AHEPA.

Chapter President Lance von Uhde, Supreme President Andrew Zachariades, John Koniditsiotis, Anthony Kazounis and Father George Wilson, New Orleans.



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**John Koniditsiotis with PSP Anthony Kouzounis**



**Supreme President Andrew Zachariades with New Orleans Member John Koniditsiotis as Chapter President Lance von Uhde looks on.**

## **Hecabe Chapter #185 San Antonio Daughters of Penelope**

Hecabe Chapter #185 in San Antonio, TX has had a busy start for this year. The Annual Rummage Sale held the last weekend in July resulted in nearly \$2,500 raised. This event is critical to the budget and the chapter was very pleased with the success.

After Liturgy on August 14th, two scholarships were presented through the Mary Vamvoras Scholarship program. Each scholarship is \$1,000. Over 80 scholarships have been awarded over the years since the scholarship was established. Congratulations to our two scholarship recipients pictured below with our Chapter President.

Our first meeting was held on August 14th in the afternoon so that more members could attend. All business was completed timely so members could then enjoy a few rounds of Bunco. Winners, Pam Layden, Catherine Carson and Katie Copas are pictured below:





**Mary Vamvoras Scholarship Recipients**



**Daughters after Chapter meeting and playing Bunco in August**

A Market Day event was held August 20th to raise funds for our Mary Vamvoras Scholarship Fund. Over 20 vendors participated making it very successful. This may be a recurring event. The Chapter has several activities planned for the coming months.

## **NEW ORLEANS DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE Nestor Chapter #55**

New Orleans Daughters are busy with plans for their upcoming Holiday pastry sale. The year started with the September meeting with Hostess Debbie Hadjes Funti. Besides the Pastry Sale the members are looking forward to an upcoming Christmas Tea honoring outgoing President Sandy Bouzon and two 50 year and one 25 year member. That will be soon followed by the Combined AHEPA and Daughters Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 18. The Chapter is excited to announce the 2016-2017 Officers: Denise Ammons, President; Connie Tiliakos, Vice President; Sandy Bouzon and Barbara Stavis Wolf, Secretaries; Mary Kontos, Treasurer; Cathy Vial, Marshal; Marlene Liaptsios, Warden; Sophie Theodoron, Priestess and Anna Razza, Sentinel.



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