

Rose Bowl Chapter #373 50th Anniversary Dinner

On April 28, 2001, at Beckham Grill and Crown Bar in Pasadena, California, the Rose Bowl Chapter #373 celebrated its 50th anniversary. According to Chapter President, Steven G. Tripodes:

"As I went through all the memorabilia and history of the Rose Bowl chapter, I must say that it was an often times moving experience to see the pictures and events regarding so many wonderful people we have known, thanks to the AHEPA. This is our second family and I am grateful to those who have gone before, who started this great organization."

On April 23, 1950, the Rose Bowl Chapter #373 of the Order of AHEPA was instituted. Twenty-one members petitioned the Supreme Lodge of AHEPA to start the new chapter in Los Angeles County, California. The petition was granted on June 15, 1950, and to mark the chapter's creation officially, it was granted its charter. Supreme President John G. Thevos and Supreme Secretary Jack T. Ritsos signed the charter and affixed their official seal on May 28, 1951.

The 50th anniversary celebration including honoring members with service pins. The following members received service pins:

60-Year Members - Peter Clentzos, Peter Kousakis, Constantine (Gust) Horaites and Louis Tripodes.

50-Year Members - Achilles Achilles and Paul Nurches.

45-Year Members - Steve Bicos, Thomas Patsalis, Andrew Demopoulos, Steven Tripodes, Gregory Karaptis and Pantele Xanthos.

40-Year Members - Michael Frenzios and George Pegadiotes.

35-Year Members - James Bornino, Angelo Petrakos, Steve Kaparos, Peter J. Tripodes, Paul Mallis, Peter L. Tripodes, Peter Pappas and Zachary Vorgias.

25-Year Members - Ed Angulatos, James Kypreos, Dan Boztkis, Tony Messerotes, John Buzas, Nikitas Tripodes and Anthony Horaites.



Sixty-year pins were presented to Rose Bowl Chapter members Peter Kousakis, Peter Clentzos, Constantine (Gust) Horaites and Louis Tripodes.

The 80-page commemorative album was made possible by the works of many members. Dean S. Tripodes edited the album. Nikitas J. Tripodes provided many of the photographs in the album. Ahepa Supreme Vice President James F. Dimitriou provided *The Los Angeles Hellene* archives, a Greek-American newspaper that helped us recover our 1950's history in detail. Steve Pastis provided many sources for the written material. Gregory N. Karaptis and Angelo Petrakos assisted with old pictures.

Saint Anthony's Pastoral Assistant and 1998 Holy Cross Class President, Billy Tragus, presented a tremendous slide show on the monasteries of Mount Athos and the sites of Thessaloniki, Greece.

Dean S. Tripodes chaired the event along with Tony Alexakis, Nick Demos, Louis Pastis and John Buzas, who helped in planning and preparing for the event. Steven G. Tripodes helped in following-up with many of the sponsors of the commemorative album.



Attending the 50th anniversary event are: Anthony Horaites PDG; Zachary Prineas (now District Treasurer); Dr. James F. Dimitriou (now Supreme Vice President); Steven Tripodes PSG, and Chapter Vice President Tony Alexakis.



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MESSAGE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE DISTRICT GOVERNOR...

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As we begin the 2001-2002 term, the Sisters of El Camino Real District 20 Lodge join me in pledging our dedication and support to each of the Chapters - their newly-elected officers and members - for a most productive and enjoyable year. We look forward to working closely with our Brother Ahepans, and to meeting and greeting many of our Sisters and Brothers as we travel throughout the District.

With warm regards in Theta Pi I am,

Helen Condon McGillivray
District Governor, El Camino Real District 20
Daughters of Penelope

MESSAGE FROM THE AHEPA DISTRICT GOVERNOR...

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published this Ahepa year. Steve Pastis once again has volunteered to be our *El Camino* editor, with Dino Basdakos and Nick Boyias leading the ad department. District Secretary and Webmaster Dean Tripodes has launched the district web site at www.ahepa20.org, including a progressive plan for conducting district business on the Internet.

AHEPA is the largest Greek-American association in America and the world. The mission of the AHEPA family is to promote the ideals of Hellenism, education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence. I invite all Hellenes and Philhellenes to come and join us. We are approaching the station, are you ready to jump on board?

Fraternally,

Chris Mellas
AHEPA District Governor
El Camino Real District 20

My daughter, Cassandra, made this sign that greeted me when I returned from the District Convention.



AHEPA Senior Housing (HUD Section 202)

by Nick Angelos
District 20 Lt. Governor



We are lagging behind everyone else in the U.S.A. in building AHEPA senior housing in our district. Yes, it does take some effort, but it's worth it. As a builder and developer myself, I understand the ramifications involved, so let us move forward. The demand is here now and this program offers us an avenue to produce public housing for little cost. The land, engineering and construction costs are guaranteed (free). All we have to do is meet the requirements, i.e. transportation, shopping, local government conditions, put up \$40,000, purchase or control the land, etc.

As chairman of this program, I challenge all our chapters to assign one person to look for land (minimum 2-3 acres) in each of their respective areas and report back to me. We will evaluate the land together and if it appears to meet the HUD guidelines, we will then request the AHEPA Housing Foundation to review and proceed further in the processing.

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George Spyrts PSG, of the Hollywood Chapter, (left) with the Greek National Women's Water Polo Team at the Holiday Cup Tournament on July 6th in Los Alamitos, CA.

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of the many charitable organizations assisting with disaster relief, including the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and the Firefighter's Fund. The \$100,000 fundraising campaign will be in addition to the financial contribution offered by AHEPA National to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Checks are to be made payable to: AHEPA Charitable Fund. Please earmark it by stating: "For National Tragedy Relief Fund." Also, donations made via credit card are accepted. Please call Headquarters at 202-232-6300, for your charge card donation (VISA/Mastercard). All donations are tax-deductible.

The 2001 Winter Classic

The 2001 Winter Classic in Tucson, Arizona, was a huge success. Ten teams participated in the basketball tournament and three contestants competed in the Miss AHEPA Pageant. It was a spectacular weekend with teams coming from Districts 20, 21 and 22. We had Sons and Maids from as far as New York to Washington to California. There were a few chapters who were recently reactivated and back in the SOP program. The winning basketball team was from Anaheim and the new Miss AHEPA, Alexia Korte, reigns from Tucson.

2001 Scholarship Recipients

- Piggy Bank Scholarship, \$1,000 - Nicholas Angelos (Santa Barbara)
- Peter C. Stevens Scholarship, \$1,500 - Angela George (Las Vegas)
- Sam Nakos AHEPA National \$1,000 - Vassilios George (Las Vegas)
- Piggy Bank Scholarship, \$1,000 - Athanasios Haidos (Scottsdale)
- Peter J. Peterson Scholarship, \$1,200 - Maria Elena Kolovos (L.A.)
- Piggy Bank Scholarship, \$1,000 - Clifford Paul Riley (Moorpark)
- Piggy Bank Scholarship, \$1,000 - Andrew Ruboyanes (Tucson)
- George Brotsis Scholarship, \$1000 - Chris Roumeliotis (Upland)
- John Dratos Memorial Scholarship, \$1,200 - Anthony Stantsas (Fountain Valley)
- Piggy Bank Scholarship, \$1,000 - Julia Thetos (San Diego)
- James Panousis Scholarship, \$1,000 - Leigh-Anna Minor (Cypress)
- Frank Rhodes Piggy Bank Scholarship, \$1,000 - Andrew G. Pappas (Tucson)
- Tom Pappas Scholarship, \$1,000 - Michelle L. Pekos (La Jolla)
- Sam Platts Scholarship, \$1,000 - Anothly Platts (Tucson)
- Piggy Bank Scholarship, \$1,000 - John Rallis (Tucson)

A Newport Beach-Irvine area AHEPA Chapter is currently being formed.

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DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE DISTRICT PROJECT

Guide Dogs of America

Guide Dogs of America was adopted by the body of the Chandler District Convention as the 2001-2002 District Project. An International Guiding Dogs Program, Guide Dogs of America (GDA) was founded in 1948 as a charitable nonprofit organization, and is dedicated to providing trained guide dogs to qualified blind and visually-impaired individuals.

The cost to breed, raise and train such a guide dog is approximately \$25,000, and includes the trained guide dog, a specially-designed harness, disciplined and compassionate training of the blind person and dog at the GDA campus, and a lifetime of follow-up care for both the student and the dog. All services are provided free-of-charge to the blind individual. GDA depends on the generosity of private contributors - individuals, businesses, foundations, clubs, organizations and bequests - to carry out its work, and is neither subsidized by the state nor federal governments.

The program begins with the breeding of Labrador, golden retriever and German Shepherd dogs at the GDA facility, located on 7.5 acres in Sylmar, CA, approximately 25 miles from Los Angeles. The puppies are placed with pre-screened, volunteer foster families at approximately eight to ten weeks of age, to provide basic obedience skills, socialization and lots of love! After 18 months, the dog is returned to GDA for evaluation. If the dog meets the criteria they look for - such as good health and even temperament - it continues with formal guide dog training by licensed trainers at their campus for the next four to six months.

After training, the dogs are carefully matched with blind students, taking into consideration their lifestyles and environments. The personalities of the student and guide dog, their size, strength, pace of walk and energy levels are also matched to ensure a harmonious relationship. Each new team spends the next 28 days together, learning to live and work with one another.

At the end of the training period, an awards ceremony is held for students, guide dogs, friends and family members. The graduates then return home with their new partners and a renewed sense of freedom and independence.

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Scenes from the 2001 District 20 Convention



Pictured (left to right) are District Governor Chris Mellas, District Treasurer Zachary Prineas and John Rougas.



The 2001-02 District 20 Daughters of Penelope Lodge - (seated, left to right): Carol Stathopoulos PDG, District Secretary; Georgia Gastouniotis, District LL Governor; Helen Condon McGillivray, District Governor; Standing (left to right) are: Mollie Stylianides, District Treasurer; Chris L. Murphy, Advisor, Maids of Athena; Lois Kotzambasis PDG, District Marshal; Zoi Fouos, Advisor., Daughters of Penelope; and Olga Kouchalakos-Bush, Grand Governor Zone 3.



Attending the convention were Gus Alex PDG (second from left) and Pete Kotzambasis PSG (right).



Lyle Hochberger PDG and Steven Tripodes PSG.

The 2001 Ahepan of the Year: John Koutsoukos

In 1999, our 2001 Ahepan of the Year brought in almost 200 members into the Order of AHEPA. This is the most new members brought into one chapter in any one year by a single member in the history of the Order of AHEPA. Our brother accomplished this while he was president of his chapter. As president, he helped host one of the most successful Supreme Conventions in recent history.

He was President of his chapter for two years and has served in most of the other chapter offices.

He is very active in all church functions and is an active volunteer for all the programs of the church seniors. He has also been active with church youth groups for years. He has been active in all church/AHEPA joint functions and organized the Mr. and Mrs. Club in his community.

Our Ahepan of the Year hails from San Diego Chapter 223 and is John Koutsoukos.



This happy group celebrating the completion of a day of filming for the motion picture "The Return" (due to be released in 2002) includes "extra" AHEPA District Governor Chris Mellas (third from left) and Alexandra Markos, President of the District 20 Scholarship Foundation, (far right) who has a bit part in the movie.



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Long Beach Prepares for 2002 Distict Conference

by Tasos T. Papas, Chapter President

Long Beach Chapter #342 began 2001 with a successful Gala Dinner Dance in January, attended by our members and members of the Long Beach Daughters of Penelope, our families and friends, Ahepans and Daughters from the surrounding area and many of the parishioners of Assumption Church.

In May, our chapter celebrated AHEPA Day with a Memorial Service in memory of all the departed members, followed by a luncheon attended by chapter members, Long Beach Daughters, AHEPANS and Daughters from the San Pedro and Downey Chapters, District Governor Si Chebithes and District Treasurer Nick Angelos. After church services, a traditional giouvetsi lunch with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. Governor Si offered a few remarks about the Order of AHEPA and its history, his own experiences growing

up in an AHEPA family and what AHEPA is accomplishing today.

Our chapter's next activity is the Assumption Greek Festival held on Labor Day weekend. Later in September, we will be organizing a bowling league.

On Saturday, February 9, 2002, we will celebrate our chapter's 55th anniversary and our Long Beach Daughters' 55th anniversary with a dinner-dance in the evening. During the day, we will be hosting the District 20 Mid-Winter Conference. We hope that some of those attending the Conference will have the time to spend the evening with us, to enjoy our dinner-dance, meet old friends and have a good time.



AHEPA Day celebration - Kneeling: Tasos T. Papas, Chapter President. From left, Si Chebithes, District 20 Governor; Nick Karidakis, Chapter Vice President; Tom Soupos, Chapter Secretary; Constantine Foutris, Chapter Treasurer; Nick Angelos, District 20 Treasurer.



AHEPA Day Celebration - First row from left: Tom Soupos, Chapter Secretary; Si Chebithes, District 20 Governor; Alex Maronos; Cris Eliopoulos PDG; Nick Karidakis, Chapter Vice President; Chrtis Kolachis; George Stavros, San Pedro Chapter President; John Berdanis, San Pedro Chapter Treasurer; Gus Alex PDG; Max Loflon, Chapter Secretary. Second row from left: Nicholas Angelos, District 20 Treasurer; Andreas Sghremellis; Louts Stavros; Tasos Papas, Chapter President; Constantine Foutris, Chapter Treasurer; Nick Anagnostou, Downey Chapter; Louis Kouremetis; John Zambos. Third row from left: Jim Eleopoulos; Nick Morinos; Demetrios Castritis Christos Theoharatos.

The Maids of Athena are Thriving in Tucson

by Chrys Lynn Kotzambasis-Murphy

The Maids of Athena of Eratos Chapter have had a busy summer. Alexia Korte represented the Western Region at the Miss Ahepa Pageant at the Supreme Convention. She did very well and everyone is so proud of her efforts. She also represented the chapter as a delegate. Alexia brought home a "Most Improved Chapter" award for the young ladies in Tucson.

Now that the summer vacations and summer camps have come to an end, the MOA are ready to get back to business. They have a lot planned in the next year. They are planning a lot of joint fundraisers with the Daughters of Penelope

Phoebus Chapter. The two organizations plan on running the Deli at the Tucson Greek Festival in September. They will participate in an AHEPA Family fundraiser called Tucson Meet Yourself in October. The Festival is held in downtown Tucson and is open to all cultures. The Maids will help sell pastries, gyros and spanakopita. It has been a tradition to be involved in this cultural event for over 27 years.

With strong leadership and dedication, the young ladies have been able to meet all of their goals they have set in the past. They have a new Chapter Advisor, Georgette Stathis. She was the Chapter President for two years and recently joined the Daughters of Penelope.

Their new District Advisor is Chrys Lynn Kotzambasis-Murphy. Both ladies are looking forward to a great year. The Tucson AHEPA Family hopes that they will be able to encourage other cities to start or reactivate MOA chapters. It is essential to keep the young people involved so that we will always have a united AHEPA Family. The Tucson Maids of Athena have proved that with their undying dedication and support for one another, anything is possible.

If any AHEPA or DOP chapters are interested in forming or reactivating a MOA chapter, please contact Chrys Lynn Kotzambasis-Murphy at Chrysllynn8@aol.com. Please, keep our youth involved!

by Dean S. Tripodes

"The Order of AHEPA recognizes that the Internet as an information super highway is a phenomenon which provides new and limitless opportunities to all units of the Order of AHEPA and to its members. This communication vehicle which is the result of a widespread interconnection of computers has had, and will continue to have, a profound impact on our society and, in particular, on our ability to communicate with one another instantaneously from any location. More than any other medium, the Internet can highlight the strengths of the Order of AHEPA and can recognize and boast its worldwide presence, its grass-roots strength and its structure of Members, Chapters, Districts and National Headquarters. The goal is to encourage all units of the Order of AHEPA to create and maintain web sites for the purpose of promoting the overall image of AHEPA and providing information about all aspects of AHEPA."

— From the AHEPA national web site (www.ahepa.org)

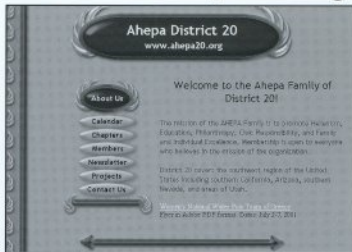
One of District Governor Chris Mellas' first actions as District Governor is to institute our first dedicated district web site (www.ahepa20.org). Along with contact information — you can now get district officers' names, addresses and phone numbers online — we have a listing for all chapters in the district. If a chapter has submitted information to us, we have created a chapter page for them, listing officers and local information.

Current and past issues of *The El Camino Real*, the District 20 newsletter, are online. We have also included the outstanding chapter newsletter of the George Polos Chapter #505, *Ta Nea*, edited by D.A. George. Look for *Ta Nea* online in the "Chapter" section.

Do you have a golf tournament coming up? Send us a flyer and we will put it online. Is your chapter having a fundraiser or special function? Let us know, and we will post it for you. This online information shar-



The Third Annual Sons & Maids Reunion Softball Day was held on June 16th in San Marino, CA.



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ing capability is brought to its highest potential with our online interactive calendar. All chapter events should be shared online. Thanks to Past District Governor Si Cebithes, we now have a listing of chapter meetings online. Are you going to a different area in the coming weeks? Check the calendar — brothers may be meeting in the area you are visiting. Are you planning an event? Are you unsure of the availability of that weekend? Check the online calendar.

In the future, we will have an expanded projects section, listing the good deeds that our Scholarship Foundation and Charitable Foundation do for others. One of our district projects is St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery in Florence, Arizona. In the coming weeks, you will be able to see a wonderful photo gallery in the "Projects" section.

We also plan to bring you a special members' section where we will have an online membership database (it will be password-protected). We will work with chapter presidents and secretaries to ensure that your local mailing lists are current, and that new members immediately receive district correspondence.

Please e-mail us your comments, suggestions or questions at webmaster@ahepa20.org.

National AHEPA Softball Tournament in Las Vegas October 19-21, 2001

The 21st Annual National AHEPA Invitational Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament will be held at Desert Breeze Park Softball Fields (corner of Durango and Spring Mountain), from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Accommodations will be at Palace Station & Casino, 2411 West Sahara Avenue (888-476-8706).

The entry fee is \$250 and entries are limited to the first 16 teams to enter. For more information, call 508-485-0736, or contact the AHEPA District 20 Governor.



Archbishop Demetrios (center) with an assistant (at left) and Nick Perdaris PDG. (at right).

Pictured left to right are Chris Zazas PSG, Pete Kotzambasis PSG, Peter Latsis, Steven Tripodes PSG, District Lt. Governor Nick Angelos and Nancy.



Mr. and Mrs. John Rougas

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rigopoulos (PSG)

Leon Balaban and friend.

District 20 AHEPA Family in Puerto Rico



The District 20 AHEPA Family was well-represented at the 2001 Supreme Convention.

Thirty Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope represented the El Camino Real District at the 2001 AHEPA Supreme Convention in Puerto Rico this summer, attending business sessions, social events and sightseeing. Dr. James F. Dimitriou of the South Bay Chapter was elected Supreme Vice President of the Order of AHEPA and Steven Tripodes of the Rose Bowl Chapter was elected as a member of the Board of Directors.

The 2002 AHEPA Supreme Convention will be held in Greece next summer.



Pictured left to right are Dr. James Dimitriou, Supreme Vice President; Andy Hatupis PDG; James Sellimos PDG; and District Lt. Governor Nick Angelos.

Local Ahepans and Daughters enjoying the beauty of Puerto Rico.

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MESSAGE FROM THE AHEPA DISTRICT GOVERNOR



As we enter a new AHEPA year, we reflect on past accomplishments and plan for the future. In today's fast-paced society, why do so many devote so much energy to AHEPA? Everyone must understand that AHEPA is a fraternity and that AHEPA gives its members opportunities to express their love of Hellenism and its perpetuation. AHEPA, through our National and District Projects, offers something for everyone who comes to the fork in the road of life. One way is the status quo; the other is the realization of the enormous personal wealth gained by doing for others. I reached that fork six years ago when I joined Disneyland Chapter 411. My desire to "pay back" started at the end of the summer of 1972 when I returned from Greece after participating in the "AHEPA Summer in Greece Program." I am embarrassed to say it took 23 years. According to my wife, Susan, and daughter, Cassandra, we have been on the AHEPA rollercoaster ever since and we are not ready to pull into the station yet. The next time past the station we will slow down so you may get on board and enjoy the ride.

The District Lodges will introduce national and district programs which will make for an exciting year. Some of the programs include the selection of property for the first AHEPA senior housing project on the West Coast, AHEPA National Softball Tournament (October) in Las Vegas, AHEPA National Basketball Tournament (January) in Long Beach and many other events.

This is the first of four issues of *The El Camino Real* that will be
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MESSAGE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



It is with sincere pride and pleasure as your District Governor that I extend warm greetings from the newly-elected 2001-2002 El Camino Real District 20 Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope:

District Governor Helen Condon McGillivray,
Delos 103 (Santa Barbara, CA),
District Lt. Governor Georgia Gastouniotis,
Delos 103,
District Secretary Carol Stathopoulos PDG, Delos 103,
District Treasurer Mollie Stylianides, Theseus 88 (Long Beach, CA),
District Marshal Lois Kotzambasis PDG, Phoebus 146 (Tucson, AZ),
Advisor, Maids of Athena Chrys L. Murphy, Phoebus 146,
Advisor, Daughters of Penelope Zoi Fovos PDG, Melita 119 (Hollywood, CA),

The annual District Convention, held at Chandler, AZ by the beautiful Sheraton San Marcos Resort in June, was certainly enjoyed by everyone who attended! Our appreciation and heartfelt thanks are extended to our AHEPA Family hosts - Tri-Cities AHEPA Chapter 454 and Daughters of Penelope Aegina Chapter 340, Co-Chairs Brother Telis Evripidou and Sister Georgia Souris, and their hardworking committee, and Chapter Presidents Brother Gus Stath and Sister Maggie Thomas - for their warm welcome and wonderful hospitality.

We congratulate Sister Alexandria Markos of Melita Chapter 119 (Hollywood) who was named District Penelope of the Year at the Chandler Convention, receiving the second highest honor a District can bestow on one of its members.

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District 20 AHEPA Family Gathers in Chandler



The 2001-02 District 20 AHEPA Lodge is sworn in by outgoing District Governor Sitheris Chebithes. Pictured from left to right are: District Warden George Georgacakis, District Treasurer Zachary Prineas, District Secretary Dean Tripodes, District Lt. Governor Nick Angelos, District Governor Chris Mellas and District Advisor Sitheris Chebithes.



The 2001-02 District 20 Daughters of Penelope Lodge is sworn in by Olga Kouchoukos-Bush, Grand Governor Zone III. Pictured from left to right are: Maids Advisor Chryst L. Murphy, District Marshal Lois Kotzambasis PDG, District Treasurer Mollie Stylianides, District Secretary Carol Stathopoulos PDG, District Lt. Governor Georgia Gastouniotts, Daughters Advisor Zoi Fovos and District Governor Helen Condon McGillivray.

More than 100 members of the AHEPA Family of District 20 gathered at the Sheraton San Marcos in Chandler, Arizona, for a weekend of meetings and social events. The newly elected officers of the District 20 AHEPA Lodge are: District Governor Chris Mellas, Lt. Governor Nick Angelos, Secretary Dean Tripodes, Treasurer Zachary T. Prineas, Marshal George Makris, Warden George Georgacakis, District Advisor Sitheris V. Chebithes, and Sons of Pericles Advisor Jim Ruboyianes.

The new Daughters of Penelope District 20 Lodge is: District Governor Helen Condon McGillivray, Lt. Governor Georgia Gastouniotts, Secretary Carol Stathopoulos, Treasurer Mollie Stylianides, Marshal Lois Kotzambasis, Maids of Athena Advisor Chryst L. Murphy and Daughters of Penelope Advisor Zoi Fovos.

Visiting dignitaries addressing the Grand Banquet included: Rev. Fr. Philip Armstrong of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, AHEPA Supreme Governor Tom Rakus and DOP Grand Governor Zone 3 Olga Kouchoukos-Bush. The emcee was Dr. Andy Karandinis, PSS and PDG.

The next District 20 gathering will be the District Conference in Long Beach on February 9, 2002. The 2002 District 20 Convention will be hosted next summer by the North San Diego County AHEPA Family.

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AHEPA Family Gathers Money and Blood for Terrorism Victims

AHEPA Supreme President Andrew T. Banis announced an AHEPA Family international fundraising drive to raise \$100,000 for disaster relief resulting from the recent terrorist attacks. This announcement builds upon last week's statement that also directed chapters and members to provide disaster relief in the form of donating blood and organizing blood drives.

"As our nation prepares for a sustained campaign against terrorism, the Greek-American community must stand side-by-side with this effort, offering our resources for the protection of democracy, freedom, and humanity," said Banis.

According to Banis, once the fundraising goal is achieved, the funds will be allocated to one or more

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