

Brothers in attendance at the Oct. 30, 2010 Fall Conference

Number	Chapter	AHEPAN	
1	48	Dick Pecka	
2	48	Manolis Sfinarolakis	
3	58	Jerry Copsinis	
4	58	John Melonopoulos	
5	58	Emmanuel Moshovos	D7 Governor
6	58	Jerry Pangakis	
7	62	John Bochanis	D7 Secretary
8	62	Van Hatzis	
9	62	James Tatalias	
10	98	George Scarveles	PDG
11	99	JamesJ Cocolis	
12	99	JamesW Cocolis	
13	99	Arthur Kiratsous	
14	99	Nick Nikas	PDG
15	110	John Grossomanidees	Supreme VP
16	110	George Grossomanides	
17	110	JohnG Grossomanides	PDG
18	110	John Louziotis	PDG
19	110	Tony Petros	PDG
20	117	Andy Aros	
21	117	Jack Isaac	D7 Lt Governor
22	117	Angelo Moutogiannis	
23	126	Gregory Lados	
24	126	John Stargu	
25	245	George Anagnostos	PSS
26	245	George Koulouvardis	

October 30, 2010
Fall Conference Minutes
St. George GOC, New Britain, CT.

Introductory remarks by District Governor Emmanuel Moshovos
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Remarks by Christine Constantine, Supreme Governor Daughters of Penelope who is from Chicago.

The Daughters also reminded everybody that June 21, 2011 is the scheduled night for Greek Night at the New Britain Rockettes baseball game.
The introduction of past District Governors who were present was also made.
Supreme Vice President, John Grossomanides, Jr, made remarks.

Joanne Hologgitas presented scholarship status. She indicated that fifteen (15) scholarships were presented and Thirteen Thousand (\$13,000.00) in scholarships were awarded. The scholarship luncheon was hosted by Waterbury. The luncheon raised One Thousand Two Hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars. Donna Rados also made comments about the scholarship dinner and read two letters of appreciation from scholarship recipients, Gregory Ballassi and Vassillios Kaloidis.

George Anagnostos made remarks about the Tri-District Convention, which is going to be held in Newport, Rhode Island on May 20, 21, 22, 2011. He indicated that it is important for those interested in attending to make reservations early due to the location in Newport and potential school graduations taking place in the area resulting in a potential shortage of hotel rooms that will be available.

Hellenic History Tournament

Nick Nikas addressed everybody about the Hellenic History Tournament. (HHT). The tournament is scheduled for November 20, 2010 at St. Barbara's church in Orange. Sixteen teams will be competing this year. Newport won last year's HHT.

Daughter Myrsini Papoutsis addressed the meeting informing everybody that a museum exhibit "Gifts from Athens" will be displayed at the new Bellarmine Art Museum located at Fairfield University from the beginning of November to December 17th. The museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and evening hours can be arranged for group tours. The museum exhibit features plaster casts of sculptures from the Acropolis.

Northeast Regional Banquet

John Grossomanides, Jr. addressed the conference and reminded everyone that our District is hosting the Northeast Regional Banquet this year. The banquet will take place on November 20, 2010 from 7:00p.m. –10:00 p.m. The banquet will honor Former Governor of the State of Massachusetts Mitt Romney, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, Honorable Judge Socrates Mihalakos, Dr. John

Elefterlades and George D. Behrakis. The last national event sponsored by our District was 1939 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Breakout Meeting for AHEPA (11:25 a.m.)

Membership

John Grossomanides, Jr. addressed the AHEPA members about membership. A handout was issued concerning the theme of "Recruit and Retain".

Our District was recognized at the National meeting as being the first in the nation in retention at 98.6%. Our District received an award of \$500.00.

Between now and December 31st the national initiation fee is waived for new members. New members will not be billed for national membership until 2012.

Our District has gained members for two consecutive years.

Membership comments were made by Chapter Presidents from Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwich and Waterbury.

John Grossomanides also spoke again briefly about the upcoming Northeast Regional Banquet.

Yankee News

John Grossomanides made brief comments about the Yankee News. He said the last issue was sixteen pages. The deadline for the next issue is Monday, November 1st.

Sons of Pericles

The national Vice-President Manolis Sfinarolakis made remarks about the Sons of Pericles. The members who are 18 years of age must also be members of AHEPA.

The Sons are in the process of planning a national basketball tournament.

Boston will soon be the largest Chapter of the Sons.

Our District has Sons of Pericles Chapters in Waterbury and Bridgeport will be an official Chapter with one additional new member.

The Sons are also in the process of planning a statewide dodge ball tournament on December 11th in Waterbury.

Hellenic Affairs

Presentation was made by Jack Issac.

Hellenic Caucus

The District Governor indicated that Connecticut Congressman John Larson has now joined the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues. This brings the number of Connecticut Congressmen who are members to four out of five.

District Governors Report

Presentation was made by the District Governor.

The District governor stated that there is a manual for the proper procedure to be followed at District meetings. He indicated that there should be some structure at the meetings. He stressed that we need to focus on reinstatement, new membership, recruitment and retention. He also stated that when new members are initiated we should follow-up with them by assigning them to committees to keep them interested in our organization.

April 30, 2011 is the Spring Conference scheduled to be held in Hartford. The District Governor also reminded everybody that the National and District web sites are useful tools with a lot of information. The District website won a national award. The Yankee District News won second place nationally.

The District Governor also made everybody aware that the AHEPA Academy brings chapter-sponsored high school juniors to Washington, D.C. for a week. Another AHEPA program is Journey to Greece, which encompasses a three-credit course.

The District Governor stated that of the fourteen (14) District Chapters nine (9) were represented at the conference. Discussion also was held that the conferences be held at a more central location to Rhode Island.

The District Governor also indicated that he would give Chapters a list of projects, which can be done by the local District Chapters.

It was acknowledged that the Daughters prepared the District Scholarship dinner. The District scholarship process was also briefly discussed. The District scholarship has a selection person and it is not done by a committee. Profits from the scholarship dinner go back to the District for scholarships. District scholarship applications for next year will be in the next Yankee District News and also on the District website.

A reminder was also given that each Chapter should attempt to plan for a successful AHEPA Day, which is the third Sunday in May.

AHEPA HOUSING

The District has twelve (12) housing projects. Five (5) properties in New London, Two (2) properties in Hartford/Wethersfield, Two (2) properties in Newport and Two (2) properties in Norwich. The current housing program (2002 Program) is in jeopardy since the federal government wants to focus more on assisted living facilities. As to other building projects it was also mentioned that the University of Rhode Island is proceeding to build a Byzantine Chapel.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

John Grossomanides, Jr. made comments on the recent National Convention and the scheduled National Convention for next year. The National Convention this year was held in Montreal. Our District had the largest delegation. The next National Convention will be held in Miami. John Grossomanides will be running for Supreme President and our District should be well represented at the National Convention in Miami to support his candidacy.