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### **Message from the Order of AHEPA District Governor**

Dear Brothers,

It has been an exciting half year already for me as I serve out my term as your Governor. The Governor's Conference in September was very informative and helped me build many friendships at the National level that will hopefully be of use in our constant effort to improve our district. The Fall Conference in October was hosted by the New Haven chapter who put together a first class venue and lunch despite the difficulties presented by the construction project at their church. Our D7 Secretary, Jack Isaac, took careful notes and the minutes are now posted for your review on our website [www.ahepad7.org](http://www.ahepad7.org).

During the Conference, we identified several things that we need to focus on if we want to see our organization prosper. Let me summarize the key actions we need to undertake collectively in the next few months:

- Pay your chapter's dues to National BEFORE the year end deadline
- Increase membership by constantly asking people to JOIN AHEPA !!!
- Increase membership by holding a recruitment event before next June (especially high potential chapters – see next paragraph)

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### **Message from the Daughters of Penelope District Governor**

Once again we approach the Holiday Season. I take this opportunity to wish one and all a happy and blessed one.

As we hurry around, let us not forget those who are less fortunate. There are many things that chapters can do to lend a helping hand. As a few suggestions, reach out to a local women's shelter, a homeless shelter, or send packages to our troops. There are so many who will be alone during this season. Reach out and make their lives a little brighter for a while.

Thanks to the AHEPA New Haven chapter we had a successful Fall Conference. I thank all the sisters who attended as we had a good exchange of ideas. Our New Britain chapter had the most attendees with the Newport chapter having the most initiates so far this year. Both chapters received a gift card in thanks for their efforts. I find that it is most important to meet as a group from time to time, not only to see old friends, but to hear of our successes and sometimes our problems. It is also a good time to share ideas to strengthen our chapters which leads to a strong District. A strong district is great publicity for our order.

November is the anniversary of the inception of our order. Next year is our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we will be celebrating during the National Convention in San Francisco, California, our birthplace. Remember November

15, Founders Day, with an event within your community.

I look forward to seeing you all at our AHEPA Family Christmas Party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see details in this issue. This is a good time to celebrate the holiday season with our AHEPA family brothers and sisters. Bring your friends and relatives. Let's make this the first of many holiday celebrations for our family.

Yours in Theta Pi,

Donna Rados, PDG  
District Governor

### **86th Supreme Convention Highlights**

The Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention was held June 30 - July 6, 2008 in Athens, Greece. The newly elected Board of Trustees members are: James Scofield PSP and Lee Millas. They will join existing Trustees Brother E. Peter "Terry" Mitchell and Brother Constantine "Dean" Highland. The Greece convention was very profitable and realized a \$38,000 net profit when all was said and done.

Thank you to the over two hundred AHEPA and over one hundred DOP delegates who attended.



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- Support Brother George Rados on his Hellenic Affairs efforts (CCSU, Hellenic Caucus)
- Energize your community's high school students for the coming HELLENIC HISTORY TROPHY
- Get ready for the NYC Parade (Independence Day) by providing marchers and money for the float

There is not enough space to discuss all of these actions here, so let me focus on our membership goal for now. In addition to asking every chapter to increase membership by constantly asking people to join and by holding a recruitment event, I want to highlight those chapters that have the greatest potential for new members based on the number of families associated with their local church(es). As of the end of 2007, there were 641 AHEPANS in D7. According to the data I have collected so far, D7 contains 5690 church families. Assuming each family contains one potential AHEPAN, our district-wide average "market penetration" is  $641/5690 = 11\%$ . However, this ratio of AHEPANS to available families varies widely by chapter. Norwich is highest with 68%, followed by Danielson at 44% and New Britain at 35%. On the other hand, there are five chapters at less than 10%. If Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, Providence, and Norwalk increase their membership to a mere 10% of their community's families, our total D7 membership would jump by 22% to 784! I therefore urge the leadership of those five chapters to try especially hard to increase their membership through a recruitment event – the most effective way to increase membership rapidly. The Lodge is at your disposal to assist you in this effort in any way you deem useful.

Chapter visitations continue to be a very important part of my responsibilities as your Governor. So far, I have had the pleasure and the privilege of visiting the following chapters: Norwich, Stamford, Hartford, Danbury, Waterbury, and Bridgeport. I would really like to visit every chapter before the Tri-District Con-

**Upcoming Events**

**AHEPA District #7  
Supreme President Visit  
Thursday, December 4, 2008**

Norwich #110 Elderly Housing  
Hamilton Ave.  
Norwich, CT

**AHEPA District #7  
Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 6, 2008**

Holy Trinity Greek Church  
Waterbury, CT

**AHEPA New England  
Regional Conference X  
June 5,6,7, 2009**

Holiday Inn  
Mansfield, MA

**AHEPA  
Supreme Convention 2009  
July 1-5, 2009**

Hyatt Regency  
San Francisco

vention next June, so please invite me, if you haven't already!

Please accept my warmest wishes for you and your families for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Fraternally,  
Nicholas Nikas

***In Memoriam***

Brother Steve C. Marses of the Providence Chapter #106 passed away in October.

Brother Ilias Nousiopoulos of the Norwich Chpt #110 passed away on November 18, 2008.

***May their Memory be Eternal***

**Notice:**

Reminder for AHEPANS: All per capita dues for 2008 need to be submitted to AHEPA Headquarters by December 31, 2008. Chapters need them by December 15, 2008.





*American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association*  
**AHEPA District Seven**  
**Scholarship Award Application for 2009**

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

- a. Applicant must be currently attending college or postgraduate school and plans to enroll as a full-time matriculated student in the next academic year.
- b. The applicant must either be a member or a child of a member of an AHEPA family organization of District Seven.
- c. The applicant or the parent of the applicant must complete one year of membership into an AHEPA family organization prior to the deadline of this application. **MUST BE** in good standing (paid per capita) Nationally and in the District.
- d. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- e. The application portion of the Verification of Eligibility form, below, must be completed and signed by the **chapter president**.
- f. Applicants may re-apply if they continue to meet the requirements *and* have not received two previous grants from the Yankee District Seven Grant Program.

**2. AWARDS**

Scholarships will be awarded at a special AHEPA District Seven event. Recipients will be notified and invited as honored guests of District Seven at this event. Award winner or parent/guardian should attend to receive award. If award winner cannot attend, the committee must be contacted prior to the award ceremony. The actual checks will be issued upon receipt of an enrollment verification in the fall.

**3. FILING**

- a. *All* information requested must be submitted for the application to be considered complete. **Incomplete applications will not be officially accepted and filed.**
- b. Only information requested herein will be evaluated. Letters of recommendations or testimonials are not required. Awards are given primarily on the basis of academic achievement, community service and essay content.
- c. All materials requested must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by the deadline.
- d. All materials submitted will be held in strict confidence and are not returnable.
- e. The following materials must be submitted:
  - i. This application, filled out, typed or legibly printed in its entirety.
  - ii. An **official** transcript from the most recently attended academic institution. Official transcripts must be received directly from the academic institution.
  - iii. On a separate sheet of paper submit a typed essay of at least seven hundred (700) words and no more than one thousand (1,000) words. Choose one topic from those listed in section five (5) of the application.
  - iv. The completed scholarship application must be postmarked or handed to the Scholarship Committee Co-chair by April 15, 2009.
  - v. The completed application package can be mailed to:

**Dr. Joanne Hologgitas, PDG, PGP**  
**Co-chair, AHEPA District Seven Scholarship Committee**  
**448 Broadway**  
**Newport, RI 02840-1732**

**4. CONFIDENTIALITY**

All the information reported on the scholarship application will be kept strictly confidential. Only the scholarship selection committee will review the information within the application. Applications are evaluated anonymously.

**PERSONAL DATA**

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>PERMANENT ADDRESS</b>	_____
<b>TEMPORARY ADDRESS</b>	_____
<b>TELEPHONE and E-MAIL</b>	_____

**2. VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (list applicant's parent or applicant) is a paid-up member in good standing of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, for one year prior to the deadline of this application, located in the town of \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chapter President) Chapter Number

**3. EDUCATIONAL DATA**

**SCHOOL MOST RECENTLY ATTENDED**

NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY & STATE	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE AWARDED	YEAR COMPLETED

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU WILL BE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. LIST ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO:**

FROM - TO	DESCRIPTION

(Attach additional pages as required)

**5. ESSAY**

On a separate sheet of paper submit a typed essay of at least seven hundred (700) words on one of the topics below. The essay should not exceed one thousand (1,000) words.

- A. Why I want to become or already am a member of the Order of AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope.
- B. How I have benefited from my Hellenic heritage, what I plan to do to return the favor.

**6. HARDSHIP (OPTIONAL)**

Are there any family hardship circumstances you would like the committee to consider? (Attach additional pages as required)

**7. ENDORSEMENT**

I hereby certify that the information furnished in this application and the accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making false statements will result in having my application rejected. The scholarship committee reserves the right to request additional documentation in support of my statements herein.

Applicant's Signature

Date

**REMEMBER! ENSURING ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED ARE POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE IS SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT**



Norwich #110 President George Grossomanides (L) with new initiates of the Rose of New England Chapter Anthony Neigel, Jason Bakoulis, and Joshua Bakoulis.



New initiate Anthony Neigel and Peter Argiros at the Norwich Chapter #110 Initiation



Supreme Secretary John Grossomanides and Brother Alex Vlantes, 70 year member, during a chapter visitation at the Bridgeport Chapter #62



Three generations of AHEPANs Evangelos Bakoulis, with grandsons Jason and Joshua Bakoulis and son Stephano Bakoulis



DG Nick Nikas with Joseph Keane, Chairman AHEPA Educational Foundation at Stamatis Restaurant in Astoria



(L-R): PDG Kip Kyprianou, PDG George Scarveles, and District Governor Nicholas Nikas at the Fall Conference.



John Fakis and John Grossomanides at the Winthrop Chapter #250 Initiation



Father Dean Panagos and Thomas O'Connell get their AHEPA Pins



New London Winthrop Chapter #250



New initiates of Winthrop Chapter #250 with New London President Demetri Tasoulas and John G. Grossomanides, District Treasurer



Brother Nick Nikas working hard at the National District Governors Conference in Washington, DC in September



Supreme Secretary John Grossomanides and District Lt. Governor Mo Moshovos at the AHEPA #250 Senior Elderly Housing Phase IV Ribbon Cutting.

# Plato

"The safest general characterization of the European philosophical tradition is that it consists of a series of footnotes to Plato"

A. N. Whitehead, *Process and Reality*, 1929



It is possible to argue about who is the finest Renaissance painter. It is possible to argue in this way about sculptors, writers, poets, more or less any sort of artist. However, if the question is who writes the best dialogues, then there is no controversy. Plato (428 – 347 BC) has no peers.

Plato was born in Athens in 428 BC to an aristocratic family. Ancient sources claim that his father, Ariston, was a descendant of Codrus, the last king of Athens, and his mother, Perictione, of Solon, an almost mythical Athenian lawgiver and the author of the city's first constitution. Plato's two brothers, Glaucon and Adeimantus, appear as two of the main characters in the *Republic*.

A year or so before Plato's birth, Pericles—the great statesman and democratic leader of Athens—died, leaving behind a reign that had fostered superb artistic achievements in architecture, sculpture, and literature and brilliant accomplishments in history and science.

Pericles also left behind a war between democratic Athens and Sparta, a nearby Greek city-state ruled by a military elite. This conflict for economic and ideological dominance, known as the Peloponnesian War (431-404 B.C.), ended in the defeat of Athens and brought to a close the Golden Age that Athens had known under Pericles' leadership.

Before their defeat the Athenians had thought that they were the most splendid of people, living as they did in a society de-

voted to intellectual and cultural pursuits, a democracy in which every male citizen had a voice in governmental policy (the many slaves in Athens—the human spoils of war—had no political voice, nor did women). The defeat by Sparta brought the Athenians to their financial knees, wounded their considerable pride, and caused them to distrust their social and political institutions.

Plato lost his father during his childhood, and Perictione remarried Pylampes, a friend of Pericles. With his noble birth and intellectual talents, young Plato had fine prospects in Athenian politics. The political upheavals of his youth attracted him to the public sphere.

Two major upheavals turned Plato away from politics. The first was the assumption of power by two groups—the Four Hundred and the Thirty. These factions of wealthy citizens seized control at the end of the Peloponnesian War and turned Athens into an oligarchy. Plato had mixed feelings about the takeover. He was related to Charmides, a member of the Thirty. But his nascent rational outlook made him critical of the government for its tyrannical leanings and instability. He was active in supporting the restoration of democracy, but that system proved itself less than perfectly just in 399 B.C. In that year, Plato's mentor, Socrates, an eccentric philosopher and a cult figure among the Athenian youth, stood before a jury of about 500 Athenians on charges of not recognizing the gods of the state, of inventing new deities, and of corrupting the youth of Athens. More than these charges, Socrates' close association with a number of men who had fallen out of political favor in Athens brought him to trial. Because an amnesty had been declared for political offenders, other charges had to be brought against him. Socrates was found guilty by a narrow margin and sentenced to death.

After Socrates' death, Plato de-

voted himself to continuing the work of his teacher. He spent years traveling around the Mediterranean, teaching and learning. Among the places he visited was Sicily, the center of Pythagorean thought. In 387 B.C., Plato resettled in Athens and founded the Academy, probably the first institution of its kind, and the model for the Western university. Plato and other teachers instructed students from all over the Mediterranean in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, politics, and the natural and mathematical sciences. Although the Academy was not meant to prepare students for any sort of profession, such as politics, law, or medicine, the topics taught there were not divorced from the larger world. Members of the Academy were invited by various cities to aid in the development of new constitutions. The Academy lasted in one form or another until 527, 912 years in total. Plato spent the rest of his life as the director of studies at the Academy, although it is not at all clear that he himself taught there. He is thought to have written the *Republic* there in around 380 BC. The most famous student of the Academy during this time was the philosopher Aristotle. Aristotle later became the teacher and mentor of Alexander the Great.

From 385 BC until his death in 347, Plato only left the Academy twice, both times to visit Sicily. What drew him away from his school was the possibility of putting the political theory he outlined in the *Republic* into practice. In 367 BC, Dionysius I, tyrant of Sicily, died. His brother Dion, father of the heir, had been a student of Plato's and immediately sent for his teacher. Unfortunately, Dionysius II remained unconvinced that the vigorous study of mathematics and philosophy would be the best preparation for his rule, and so the world lost its chance to test the first philosopher-king.

## **AHEPA Chapter #106 Sophocles Providence, RI**

The Sophocles Chapter held a golf fundraiser on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> as a rain out occurred on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The event was very successful and it was a beautiful day for golf. The course was in perfect shape with minimal leaves and quick greens. The winner was Br. Ken Bianchi (shooting a 72 under the Callaway system) with Brothers George Demopoulos, George Coclin and George Panichas, Jr. taking the next 3 spots. Everyone attending won a golf prize and/or a raffle prize and received a dozen golf balls for attending. The lunch and dinner banquets were a big hit with the golfers as some had to take home the excess. Our advertising sponsors: Coclin Associates, Andreas' Restaurant, CPI Controls, State Sen. Louis Raptakis, Angelos Maintanis, Lakis Andriotis, Dr. James O'Hair, Dr. Morrissey, Dean Vose, E. Baziotis, Nick Lambros, Esq. and The Employers Association of RI put us over the top with their donations. Thank you to all the golfers and sponsors, George Coclin and Peter Manis, Co-Chairman.

## **AHEPA Chapter #90 Danbury, CT**

The chapter sponsored a Wine Tasting on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Danbury. The event featured Mediterranean wines and the food was prepared by Executive Chef Michael Bick of Some Things Fishy catering. The proceeds from the event benefited the Chapter's Macricostas Scholarship Fund.

## **Daughters of Penelope Ares Chapter #49 Newport, RI**

Four new members were initiated into Ares Chapter #49, Newport at the Main Stay Inn on Saturday, October 4, 2008.

Conducting the initiation was District Governor Donna Rados assisted by Joanne Hologgitas, PhD, PGP and chapter President Ellen Anagnostos, PDG.

Initiated were: Despina Haralambidis, Maria Stefanopoulos-Johnson, Ourania Stefanopoulos and Dr. Ellen Spielberg.

Also attending were members of the District Lodge Lt. Gov. Mary Petrus and District Treasurer Loukia Kazakos.

## **AHEPA Chapter #117 Elpis New Britain, CT**

The Chapter wishes the best and happy name day to all Dimitrios, Dimitres, Michaels, Gabriel, and anyone else celebrating in November. We salute our Heroes fallen during the World War II in the mountains of North Epirus, Albania and Macedonia, defending our Motherland! We remember October 28th is OXI Day!

New Britain's Sister City, Giannitsa-Macedonia-Greece, celebrated its Liberation Day from the Ottomans, on October 20th and the Chapter has sent for a wreath to be placed on the tomb of the fallen, by the memorial statue.

Brothers Leonidas and Harilaos Sitalides (owners of CT. Furs) had a very successful fashion show at their store, on Oct. 18th, with over a hundred attending.

Our thoughts and best wishes to Brothers M. Tsitarides and I. Tiniaikos in these times of difficulty...

On November 7-8, a mini festival took place in New Britain's Greek Orthodox Church of St. George.

Brothers and Sisters of the community manned the stations. Thank you to Brother Pool for visiting us.

## **Doctor Turns Singer in Support of St Basil's**

Brother Dr. Denis A. Bouboulis, of Stamford Chapter #99 has been a driving force for St. Basil Academy. Last year he personally donated \$10,000, which were the proceeds from his Christmas CD. The CD cost many times that figure to produce, but it is a gift that will keep on giving! This year, he hopes to at least double this amount, and increase every Christmas. This enduring gift is a huge philanthropic tribute through the generosity of this Philanthropist.

Please support and help this great endeavor via his website [www.drchristmas.com](http://www.drchristmas.com).

Brother Denis is a descendant of the famous Bouboulina, the heroine of the Greek War of Independence. The man behind the record is Denis A. Bouboulis, MD, known to his patients as "Doctor B," a Connecticut physician with a specialty in asthma. Simply put, Saint Basil Academy is the favorite charity of Doctor B and his wife, Eleni.

*Doctor B I'll Be Home For Christmas* is a collection of 20 Christmas classics featuring Doctor B on lead vocals backed by The Lenox Sound Machine: John "Ratso" Gerardi on guitars, ebo and percussion; Richard Crooks on drums and percussion; Ivan Bodley and Paul Ossola on electric and upright bass; Fonda Feingold, John Goldschmid and Roy Rodriques on piano, synthesizers and organ; Joe Meo and Bob Peters on saxophones.

The cost for this wonderful collection of Christmas Classics is \$20.00 plus \$2.50 processing & shipping. Make payment using PayPal - it's fast and secure. You don't have to have a PayPal account to use PayPal. You will be instructed to pay using PayPal's secure server. 100% of all proceeds are donated to benefit St. Basils Academy.



## Sons of Pericles Corner

Dear Ahepans and Daughters of District 7,

### Participation Needed in a National Mentorship Program

The Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athena have begun to implement a program that was devised nearly three years ago called the Johnny N. Economy National Mentorship Program. This program is designed to connect members of the AHEPA Organization and the Daughters of Penelope Organization to the youth of the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena in order to create a stronger bond between the members of all Organizations.

The way this program will work is simple. Forms created for this program will be distributed to chapters of AHEPA, the Daughters, the Sons, and the Maids across the nation and filled out. These forms include information as follows:

- Name, Address, Phone #, and Email
- Educational Background
- Current Occupation / Previous Occupation
- Additional Information (Special Interests, Other Areas Lived, etc.)

In addition to this information, members of the above Organizations will indicate in what capacity they wish to participate in the program. All of this information will then be aggregated into a single database and eventually published to the internet. Only members of AAHEPA, the Daughters, the Sons, and the Maids will be able to access this information through the use of passwords, thus safely securing all personal information.

**The vision of the program is as follows:** To create a network of Hellenic individuals who can

easily connect with each other in order to foster personal and professional development through the use of mentors, friendships, and connections.

Our history is rich with amazing accomplishments and no one in the world may deny this. However, in recent history our only bond has been through our church. Although a great place to start, we need to build on this and have additional interactions with each other.

By sharing our life experiences and lessons learned with one another, we may be able to provide valuable insight to members of our youth that would otherwise have to learn the hard way in life. We may also use this as an avenue to educate our youth about our rich Greek heritage in a one on one fashion.

By sharing our contacts with one another, we may be able to give our young members of our Organizations a leg up in the world during these tough economic times. Many of us have created meaningful relationships with people that could offer opportunities to our youth.

By donating our time to one another, we will build a bond that will rival that of the Athenian League. Please join us in making this program successful. Our success depends on the wonderful experiences that all of you have to offer our youth.

To obtain a form to fill out, please contact Manolis Sfinarolakis, the district contact for the Greek Independence Day March as well as the District 7 Organizer of the Mentorship Program. You may contact Manolis in the following ways:

Phone: 203-232-2462  
 Fax: 203-266-4176; Email: [manolis.sfinarolakis@gmail.com](mailto:manolis.sfinarolakis@gmail.com)  
 Mailing Address: 70 Arrowhead Way, Woodbury, CT 06798

## Tà véa

Congratulations to **Lukia and Tony Kazakos** who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on October 2, 2008. Χρόνια Πολλά!!

Happy Birthday to Brother **Alex Viantes**, who celebrated his 92nd Birthday on November 1st!, Να τα Εκατοστισεις! He is also celebrating his 70th wedding anniversary and he is now a 70 year AHEPA member.

Congratulations to Brother **Evangelos Psillas** and his wife, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 26th!

Congratulations to **Kimberly Ann Hominski**, daughter of Brother **Joe and Helen Hominski** of Norwich, CT on receiving her Masters in Business Administration from Averett College in Danville, VA.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Allyson Hominski**, daughter of Brother **Richard Hominski** and granddaughter of Brother **Joe and Helen Hominski**, she graduated from Endicott College Cum Laude with her degree in Education. She has accepted a teaching position in China at the Shekou International School.

**Nicholas and Christopher Hominski**, sons of Brother **Jon Hominski** of Norwich, CT and grandsons of Brother Joe and Helen Hominski are attending the University of Connecticut and Eastern Connecticut State College respectively.

Get Well Soon to Ahepans **Tony Valace and Angelos Maintanis!** Περραστικά

Congratulations to **Ellen and George Anagnostos, Newport 245** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Happy Birthday to Brother **John Grossomanides**, who turned 47 on November 7th.

## Final 2007 Membership Statistics

The Supreme Headquarters has recently released the membership numbers for the year ending 2007.

The "Top 10" AHEPA Chapters in terms of membership are:

1. Chpt 145, Denver, CO-312
2. Chpt 29, Houston, TX-250
3. Chpt 88, Warren, OH-216
4. Chpt 438, Arlington, VA-210
5. Chpt 31, Washington, DC-196
6. Chpt 80, Worcester, MA-191
7. Chpt 63, Akron, OH-183
8. Chpt 122, Norfolk, VA-178
9. Chpt 53, St. Louis, MO-174
10. Chpt 105, Marlboro, MA-169

AHEPA national membership totals 16,700 and has 528 chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus.

The "Top 10" District #7 AHEPA Chapters in terms of membership as of December 31, 2007 are:

1. Chpt 110, Norwich, CT-84
2. Chpt 62, Bridgeport, CT-74
3. Chpt 106, Providence, RI-71
4. Chpt 99, Stamford, CT-55
5. Chpt 117, New Britain, CT-53
6. Chpt 245, Newport, RI-51
7. Chpt 58, Hartford, CT-47
8. Chpt 48, Waterbury, CT-46
9. Chpt 418, Danielson, CT-40
10. Chpt 90, Danbury, CT-36

The bar has been set, who will be the number one chapter for 2008.

## NATIONAL NEWS

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## Welcome Supreme Governor

The Supreme Governor for Region IV (District #7, #8, and #9) is Brother Constantine Calliontzis of Dedham, MA. Connie was re-elected at the Supreme Convention in Greece in July. Connie has previously served as a Supreme Governor and is a Past District Governor of District #8. He can be reached at 781-326-8744 or email at [ccalliontzis@yahoo.com](mailto:ccalliontzis@yahoo.com)

### Did you know

The official website of Yankee District #7 is [www.ahepad7.org](http://www.ahepad7.org)

You can find a variety of forms, dates of events, copies of previous newsletters at this website. The national website is [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org)

### News, news, news

As always if you have any news please email it to us.

Please send any pictures electronically via email. Any chapter news are always welcome; engagements, marriages, new babies, promotions, moved, retirement, or just taking a vacation. Let us know by sending an email to:

[yankeenews@ahpead7.org](mailto:yankeenews@ahpead7.org)

### Reminder

Each chapter secretary must mail a list of the chapter's officers to the District Secretary. This list should include the office, name, address, phone number and if possible email address for each of the top four offices (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Hellenic Affairs Chair) in your chapter.

This is to help improve communication between District and each chapter. It is very important you get all the correspondence from the District Governor and/or District Secretary. A copy of your Chapter officers list should be sent to the Supreme Headquarters, too.

## Editors Note:

It is my understanding our Yankee District News was one of the best newsletters in the entire AHEPA domain. Thanks to everyone for making it such a large success.

On a personal note, I would ask each chapter to make sure they send in their per capita by December 30, 2008 so our district can get the maximum number of delegates to the Supreme Convention in San Francisco. We need to have as many delegates as possible so we can show we are a strong District.

Our goal is to have 2-3 delegates in San Francisco from 10-12 chapters. Let's show the country the strength of Yankee District #7. Let's get 25 delegates to represent our District at the Supreme Convention. Start planning now for July, so we can elect the first Supreme Vice President from District #7 in over 40 years.

## AHEPA District #7 Yankee News

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