

Order of AHEPA Yankee District Seven

Annual Convention

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Norwalk Inn & Conference Center

Norwalk, CT

Respectfully submitted by
Jack Isaac

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DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS

Nicholas Nikas, Governor	Chapter 99, Stamford, CT
Emmanuel Moshovos, Lt. Governor	Chapter 58, Hartford, CT
Jack Isaac, Secretary	Chapter 117, New Britain, CT
John G. Grossomanides, PDG, Treas.	Chapter 110, Norwich, CT
James J. Cocolis, Marshall	Chapter 99, Stamford, CT
Demetrius Tasoulas, Warden	Chapter 250, New London, CT
George Rados, PDG, Hellenic Affairs	Chapter 117, New Britain, CT
Kip Kyprianou, PDG, Advisor	Chapter 90, Danbury, CT

DIGNITARIES

SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT, Order of AHEPA	
Dr. John Grossomanides	Chapter 110, Norwich, CT

OTHER PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

George Anagnostos, PSS	Chapter 245, Newport, RI
Steve Jennings	Chapter 245, Newport, RI
Ernie Pool	Chapter 110, Norwich, CT
George Scarveles, PSG	Chapter 98, New Haven, CT

CHAPTER DELEGATES

048 Waterbury, CT	Richard Pecka, Sr. Manolis Sfinarolakis Paul Velezis
058 Hartford, CT	John Melonopoulos
062 Bridgeport	Constantine Agortsas John Bochanis
090 Danbury, CT	George Bossis Plato Demos Demetrios Doupis Nick Metaxas
099 Stamford, CT	JamesW Cocolis Arthur Kiratsous William Mihaltse Evans Stergianis
110 Norwich, CT	George Grossomanides Anthony Neigel
250 New London, CT	Demetrius Tasoulas
387 Norwalk, CT	Theologos Demetriades Nick Papadoulos Tommy Tormanides
418 Danielson	James Balis Michael Leotsakos

VOTING STRENGTH SUMMARY BY CHAPTER

Chapter	Votes
48 Waterbury	3
58 Hartford	2
62 Bridgeport	2
90 Danbury	5
98 New Haven	1
99 Stamford	6
106 Providence	
110 Norwich	5
117 New Britain	2
126 Meriden	
245 Newport	2
250 New London	1
387 Norwalk	3
418 Danielson	2
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Total	34

CONVENTION MINUTES

10:10 a.m.: The joint meeting of the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA was called to order by Governor Nick Nikas.

The Governor acknowledged the Past District Governors in attendance. He introduced Donna Rados, Governor of the Daughters of Penelope, who introduced the Past District Governors and guests. She mentioned that the Scholarship Dinner would be on August 21st at Waterbury's Community Hall. The cost will be \$30.00 at the door with all of the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. On August 3 there will be a Greek Night at New Britain Stadium, home of the Rock Cats. Tickets are \$8.00.

Chairperson Joanne Hologgitas gave an update on the Scholarship Program. There are 19 applications; three coming from High School students. They will be able to reapply next year. At this point there is \$13,000.00 to be distributed. Chairperson Hologgitas suggested the District show its appreciation to the University for its work in selecting winners by donating a small gift.

The Governor then went over a proposal given by Kip Kyprianou intended to speed up resolutions.

Brother Ernie Pool moved to accept the proposal with an amendment: Once the motion is passed the resolution becomes effective at the current convention. The motion was carried; in favor unanimously. (see Attachment 1)

10:35 a.m.: The joint session of the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA ended.

AHEPA Meeting

Election of convention officers:

George Scarveles was chosen chairperson;
Jack Isaac was chosen Secretary;
Arthur Kiratsous was chosen Vice Chairman.

Business session opened:

Annual reports were read from the Lodge members. (see Attachments 2 and 3: Governor's and Treasurer's Reports)

Brother Scarveles praised the work of Gov. Nikas and introduced him. He spoke about the recent speech given by Archbishop Demetrios where the Archbishop emphasized the Hellenism in AHEPA. Governor Nikas also spoke about the success of Yankee News and the Hellenic History Tournament (HHT).

Manolis Sfinoralakis gave a report on the Sons of Pericles. He said there were seven new chapters throughout the country with the first one established in Canada. Two charities were emphasized: the ALS Foundation (devoted to finding a cure for ALS/Lou Gering's disease) and the Cyprus Children's Fund. He mentioned two regional basketball tournaments that took place and praised the National leadership.

George Anagnostos spoke regarding AHEPA Housing. This is the 50th Anniversary of the AHEPA Housing Program. It appears at this time that, after 2011, the program will be changed. It seems that there is more interest in assisted living facilities than senior housing. Some of the facilities are looking into refinancing so that repairs and

improvements can be done. He spoke of using the expertise of John Melonopoulos. There was a suggestion that pressure be brought to bear on Congress to continue the current program.

Motions from the last conference were discussed at this time:

Brother Kyprianou moved to allow High School students to be eligible to apply for a scholarship if they are enrolled in college; Motion seconded. Moved to close the discussion; motion not approved.

Brother Kyprianou moved to have the AHEPA and the Daughters notify each other if they were to adjourn early. He had moved to have the last meeting of the convention be a general meeting. Whoever is adjourning early at this point should inform the other organization.

Committees and committee chairpersons were established:

Hellenic Affairs: Arthur Kiratsous

Legislation: Kip Kyprianou

Grievance: Jim J. Cocolis

Housing: George Anagnostos & John Melonopoulos

Yankee News: John Grossomanides, Jr.

Education & Scholarships: Manolis Sfiranolakis

Finance & Budget: Steve Jennings & John G. Grossomanides, Sr.

HHT: Nick Nikas

Committee Reports:

Hellenic Affairs: Brother Kiratsous spoke of how chapters should try to make connections with local colleges and universities so that speeches and presentations can be made. He also suggested that chapters should communicate with each other to share ideas.

Legislation: No report.

Grievance: One grievance- The lack of volunteers on the chapter level.

Housing: No report.

Yankee News:

-How can we make it less expensive? Perhaps not print in color or use less pages.

-There are too many pictures.

-Brother Pool spoke in favor of continuing the current publication as-is. Brother Isaac spoke in favor of no cuts to the Yankee District News saying that the cost of the publication is justified by the finished product and the awards it has received.

-The next deadline for the Yankee News is August 1st.

HHT: The present deadline is May 31st. The contest will be held on November 20, 2010. A question was asked whether the deadline could be extended to the end of June. George Rados spoke in favor of extending it. The date chosen for the new deadline was June 30th. HHT books will be mailed to the chapters.

Education: Brother Sfinarolakis gave his report. The committee came up with the following ideas:

We need:

- ...to educate others and ourselves about our values.
- ...to educate people about what the AHEPA is and what we stand for.
- ...newspaper coverage for the scholarships.

The District only gave \$11,000.00 to scholarships and we need to come up with other ways to raise funds. We need to:

- ...put out a professional solicitation to raise funding for scholarships.
- ...educate the churches so that they can be pro-AHEPA
- ...encourage life insurance policies with the AHEPA being the beneficiary.
- ...solicit donations and give donors recognition for those donations.

Finance & Budget: Brother J. Grossomanides, Sr. gave his report. The total budget for 2010-11 is \$12,720. (see attachment 4)

Moved to accept report; passed.

Scholarships: A motion was made and tabled at a past convention to allow grandchildren to be eligible for scholarships. Discussion followed. Brother Pool spoke against the proposal; Brother Scarveles spoke in favor; Brother Sfinarolakis spoke against. Prior to a vote on the motion it was determined that it had to be discussed with the Daughters of Penelope. The Daughters of Penelope decided to discuss the matter and then re-convene with the AHEPA. Then it was determined that the following motions made at prior conferences would be voted on:

- Any member of the AHEPA family should be eligible for the AHEPA District Scholarship. Motion carried.
- High School students should be allowed to apply for a scholarship for their freshman year of college. Motion denied.
- Lt. Governor Emmanuel Moshovos moved that grandparents be able to submit their grandchildren for district scholarships. Motion denied.
- Brother Pool moved that the Daughters of Penelope should, in the future, check with the AHEPA to see if there is anything they need to vote on prior to adjourning their meeting. Motion carried.

Elections:

- District Governor: Nick Nikas moved to have Mo Moshovos nominated for Governor. Steve Jennings seconded. Moved to close nominations; secretary instructed to cast one vote; passed.
- Lieutenant Governor: John Grossomanides nominated Jack Isaac for Lt. Governor. Motion seconded. Moved to close nominations; secretary instructed to cast one vote; passed.
- Secretary: Emmanuel Moshovos moved to nominate John Bochanis in absentia. Motion seconded. Moved to close nominations; secretary instructed to cast one vote; passed.
- Treasurer: John Grossomanides, Jr. nominated John Grossomanides, Sr. Seconded. Moved to close nominations; secretary instructed to cast one vote; passed.

-Marshall: John Grossomanides, Jr. nominated Demetrius Tasoulas. George Rados seconded. Moved to close nominations; secretary instructed to cast one vote; passed.

For the Good of the Order:

-Brother Cocolis asked the convention to commend Governor Nick Nikas for his service.

-A motion was made to give \$200.00 to Salve Regina in appreciation of their role in the scholarship recipient selections. Motion seconded; Passed.

-Brother Jennings made a motion which said: "...moved that when expenses incurred to operate the Lodge exceed the amount budgeted of line items in approved budget, the Executive Committee shall with a majority vote agree to exceed the amount." All expense receipts will be given to the Treasurer. The amendment proposed that it will not exceed 25% of the original amount of the line item. Brother Rados seconded; motion passed.

-Brother Kyprianou moved that the total of the budget increase cannot exceed 10% of the total budget. Motion seconded; passed.

Brother Pecka moved to adjourn; Brother Cocolis seconded. Passed.

Adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Isaac
Secretary
AHEPA District 7

Attachment 1

Section 3 Paragraph 17

Currently reads:

17. Any changes or amendments to the District Bylaws should be presented to the Legislative Committee of the current year's Convention for recommendation and voted on at the next year's Convention, after being properly circulated throughout the District and its chapters.

Proposed change:

17. Any changes or amendments to the District Bylaws should be presented to the District Governor and all chapter secretaries and presidents at least 90 days prior to the Convention for consideration. If a proposed amendment affects another AHEPA family organization, then the District Governor, chapter presidents and secretaries of that AHEPA organization(s) must also be notified in writing 90 days prior to the Convention for that organization's consideration. Once the amendment is voted on and passed at the Convention, it becomes effective immediately.

Attachment 2

ORDER OF AHEPA

The mission of AHEPA is to promote Hellenism, education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence.



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AHEPA Yankee District 7 Convention Delegates
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May 22, 2010

Dear Brothers,

The past year has been a particularly exciting one for our district. The list of our accomplishments is impressive. To start with, one of our own, Dr. John Grossomanides, was elected Supreme Vice President of the Order of AHEPA at the San Francisco Supreme Convention. At the same Convention, our Yankee News was recognized as the best district publication in the country. In the fall of 2009, we held the first ever Hellenic History Tournament, which attracted sixty high school students from across the district, as well the participation of Supreme President Nicholas Karacostas and the attention of The Hellenic Voice, The National Herald, and The AHEPAN Magazine. We ended calendar year 2009 with a bang. Our biggest chapter, Norwich, exceeded 100 members. Stamford recruited 18 new members and came second in the nation for initiations in the category of chapters with 50-100 members. Our district membership reached 765, a level not attained in at least the past 12 years. We were the best district on retention of existing members and the third fastest growing district year-to-year. And in terms of growth consistency, we were the only district in the country to grow more than 20% since 2007.

In January, the chapters expressed their enthusiasm for the Hellenic History Tournament by voting unanimously to hold a second tournament in 2010. Jim Himes, the US Representative representing most of Fairfield County (D-CT-4), joined the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, the first one of Connecticut's five Congresspersons to do so in the 111th Congress. In April, we again participated in the NYC Greek Independence Day parade, where we marched behind the District 7 banner in tandem with Districts 5 and 6. The Bridgeport brothers voted to support a Sons of Pericles chapter in their community. This is the second SoP chapter in our district, and it came about after a student from Bridgeport heard Manolis Sfinarolakis explain the SoP organization to the participants of the 2009 Hellenic History Tournament. Also in April, as a result of a combined effort of Connecticut's Hellenic community, the Connecticut State legislature sent a letter to the Turkish Ambassador in Washington, D.C. regarding the religious freedom issues faced by our Ecumenical Patriarchate. Recently, another US Representative from Connecticut, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3), representing most of New Haven County, joined the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues. And this brings us to May and our District Convention, hosted by our newly reawakened Norwalk chapter.

Thanks to all of you and congratulations for a job well done! I would also like to thank our New London and Norwich chapters for hosting our two conferences; all chapter presidents for their special efforts to increase membership; Manolis Sfinarolakis for his role in the creation the new SoP chapter in Bridgeport; all chapters that contributed \$50 towards the cost of the NYC parade float; all chapter presidents for their support of the Hellenic History Tournament; Nikiforos Mathews and Demetrios Giannaros for their role in getting the Connecticut legislators letter to the Turkish ambassador; Greg Stamos for getting US Rep. DeLauro to join the Hellenic Caucus; Norwalk chapter president Theologos Demetriades for his leadership and hard work towards making this convention a success; Kip Kyprianou and John Grossomanides for their active involvement and advice; and last but not least, the district lodge for their tireless dedication to the smooth functioning of the district.

It was an honor and pleasure to meet many of you during my chapter visitations. I visited Waterbury (2), Hartford (1), Bridgeport (2), Danbury (2), New Haven (2), Providence (1), Norwich (2), New Britain (3), New London (1), Norwalk (9), and Danielson (1). During the past 12 months I drove 3,700 miles at a cost of \$2,100. I regret I am not in a position to donate this sum to the district, and I request to be reimbursed for it within the limits of the annual district budget.

Thank you all for making me proud to be your Governor for a second year.

Fraternally,



Nicholas Nikas
Governor, AHEPA Yankee District 7

Attachment 3

AHEPA Yankee District No. 7
Statement of Actual Income and Expenses
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

INCOME:

Per Capita	\$ 2,865.00
Scholarships	955.00
Yankee District News	4,584.00
Yankee district News — Ads	850.00
National Convention — Rebate	70.00
New York Parade Float	650.00
Supreme Lodge	1,430.00
Convention City	1,400.00
Hellenic History Dinner	2,100.00
Tri district Convention Rebate	426.50

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 15,330.50

EXPENSES:

District Gov — National Convention	\$ 1,400.00
District Gov — Gov Conference	400.00
District Gov Expenses	800.00
District Lodge Officers Expenses	800.00
Scholarships	955.00
Yankee District News (3 Issues)	5,514.90
New York Parade Float	500.00
Website (server & domain name)	180.00
Convention City	1,400.00
Hellenic History Dinner	2,086.59
Patriarch Dinner	500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,536.49

Income over expenses	\$ 794.01
Balance — June 30, 2009	\$ 15,032.19
Balance — June 30, 2010	\$ 15,826.20

Attachment 4

AHEPA Yankee District No. 7
Budget for Income and Expenses
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

INCOME:

Per Capita (750 x \$3.75)	\$2,813
Scholarship Fund (750 x \$1.25)	\$ 938
Yankee News (750 x \$6)	\$4,500
Yankee News - Ads	\$2,500
Convention City (14 x \$0)	\$ 0
Per Capita National Rebate (700 x \$2)	\$1,400
National Convention Rebate (14 x \$5)	\$ 70
New York Parade Float	\$ 500
Tri-District Convention Rebate	\$ 0

TOTAL INCOME	\$12,720

EXPENSES:

District Governor - National Convention	\$1,500
District Gov - Governors Conference	\$ 400
District Governor - Expenses	\$1,000
Lodge expenses	\$ 800
Miscellaneous	\$ 320
Scholarship Fund	\$ 938
Yankee News	\$7,000
Convention City	\$ 0
Convention Minutes	\$ 83
Website	\$ 180
NYC Parade Float	\$ 500

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,720

Income over expenses	\$ 0
Balance — June 30, 2010	\$15,826
Balance — June 30, 2011	\$15,826

Attachment 5

Report of the Yankee District 7 Foundation, Inc.

May 22, 2010

To: AHEPA Scholarship, Inc. - Delegates
From: George C. Coclin, Treasurer

Subject: Annual Year-End Report for 2009

Summary:

Given the financial environment that occurred during 2009 our investments recovered just over 60% based upon the change in unrealized losses and just over 16% based upon investments at market value from 12/31/08 to 12/31/09. Interest rates remained low and as such so did returns and income as it declined about 3K year over year.

Balance Sheet:

Cash increased by 1K as dues was added to the balance at the bank. As noted above, the investments increased by 55K (2008 — 334K vs. 2009 389K) or 16+% from 12/31/08. The increase can be traced directly to the decline in unrealized losses from 2008 (83K) versus 2009 (31K). The surplus accounts increased by 56K again 53K of that relates to the net rolling unrealized losses (2008 — 65K vs. 2009 - 12K).

Income Statement:

As noted above, income dropped due to lower interest rates (about 3K). Expenses decreased by about 6K as our scholarship costs decreased from 2008 (17K) to 2009 (11.5K) and the insurance was paid in 2010 vs. 2009 (1K). Our buys and sells were to pay the scholarships and incur minimal income stream changes which netted to about a \$300- gain.