

*Order of AHEPA
Yankee District Seven*

Annual Convention

*May 30 - June 1, 2008
Best Western Motel,
Mystic, Connecticut*

Respectfully submitted by
George Anagnostos

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ATTENDANCE

DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS

Kip Kyprianou	Chapter 90, Danbury, Conn.
Nicholas Nikas	Chapter 99, Stamford, Conn.
Emmanuel D. Moshovos	Chapter 58, Hartford, Conn.
John G. Grossomanides, PDG	Chapter 110, Norwich, Conn.
Steven Jennings, PDG	Chapter 245, Newport, R.I.

ATTENDANCE

DIGNITARIES

SUPREME SECRETARY, Order of AHEPA

John Grossomanides Chapter 110, Norwich, Conn.

SUPREME PRESIDENT, Order of Sons of Pericles

Rick Pecka Waterbury, Conn.

BOARD of TRUSTEES, Order of AHEPA

E. P. Terry Mitchell, PSS Chapter 250, New London, Conn.

ATTENDANCE

PAST DISTRICT OFFICERS

George Anagnostos, PSS	Chapter 245, Newport, R.I.
John Louziotis	Chapter 110, Norwich, Conn.
Anthony Petros	Chapter 110, Norwich, Conn.
Ernie Poole	Chapter 110, Norwich, Conn.
George Scarveles, PSG	Chapter 98, New Haven, Conn.

DELEGATES

Chapter 48, Waterbury, Conn. Richard Pecka	Chapter 58, Hartford, Conn. Jerry Copsinis
Chapter 90, Danbury, Conn. George Bossis Plato Demos Nick Metaxas	Chapter 99, Stamford, Conn. James W. Cocolis Arthur Kiratsous
Chapter 117, New Britain, Conn. Jack Isaac Angelo Moutogiannis Mike Vassiliou	Chapter 245, Newport, R.I. George Koulouvardis
Chapter 250, New London, Conn. Demetrios Tasoulas	

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CONVENTION MINUTES

District Governor Kip Kyprianou called the convention to order. The convention was opened for business at 10:15 a.m.

For the first order of business, the governor called for the election of convention officers. The following Ahepans were nominated and elected:

Convention Chair:	Steven Jennings, PDG
Convention Vice Chair:	George Scarveles, PSG
Convention Secretary	George Anagnostos, PSS

The above were duly sworn and assumed their duties.

The chair called for the Pledge of Allegiance to be conducted

The Report of Officers was scheduled according to the Agenda promulgated. Brother Secretary Emmanuel Moshovos read the minutes of the Spring Conference. The minutes were accepted with two minor corrections.

Lt Governor Nicholas Nikas reported on his duties as Co-chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee. \$17,000 was received from the Corporation for scholarships. He explained the process from receipt to selection to the proposed awarding of the scholarships. Attached hereto is the official list of the recipients for 2008. The Lt. governor related his experience at the New York March 25 celebration parade that took place on April 6.

Treasurer John G. Grossomanides presented a partial statement showing \$ 7,563 income and \$ 8,550 expenses. The Yankee News spent \$ 2,354 for four issues, about 750 copies per issue.

The chair announced that the convention was being hosted by the District Lodge. There were no minutes available for the 2007 convention.

Bro. John Grossomanides of the Norwich chapter, the current Supreme Secretary of the Supreme Lodge, was presented to the convention. He thanked all for their support and

that he had visited many chapters, especially giving the “You and Your Meds” lecture. 140 were already registered for the Athens Convention and it features a good schedule of events. It is a “No Risk” convention no matter the number attending. The *Journey to Greece* and the housing programs are all doing well.

Rick Pecka, Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles was warmly greeted. He told of the redesigned web site and the networking, and the national email list are available. The efforts to contribute to the Greek fires relief fund and the Cooley’s Anemia program were successful. The basketball tournaments went well and a tournament was added in New Jersey. The Sons are to meet in New Orleans for those not able to attend the Athens Convention.

At this time, Governor Kip Kyprianou gave his oral report. He attended the Denver Supreme Convention and the AHEPA birthday celebration in Atlanta, Ga. He stated that 4 issues of the Yankee News were distributed and he thanked Supreme Secretary John Grossomanides for his untiring efforts in this endeavor. He attended an initiation in Bridgeport, an installation in Norwich, two District Conferences, and the District convention in Mystic, hosted by the District. The album was successful and he thanked his Lodge for their assistance. He met many wonderful people in the AHEPA Family.

The chair called for a Moment of Silence for the passing of PDG Ron Crabtree. The added distress of his wife and family due to heavy medical expenses was related to the members and a “bowl raiser” was held and a significant sum was collected from the delegates to be given to his family.

The chair announced that Committees needed to be formed and, after time for meeting, the reports would be presented. The following committees were formed:

- Membership
- Finance and Budget
- Hellenic Affairs
- Legislative
- Grievance
- National Charities
- Yankee News

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GRIEVANCE: Chair – John Louziotis, PDG; Arthur Kiratsous member.
Recommendations given – 1). Utilize name tags to identify Brothers. 2). District Lodge officers split District for visitations, Governor visit all chapters once. 3). District officers be assigned chapters and contact their president, secretary and PDGs frequently by phone, mail, email. 4). Governor to know and communicate with assigned Supreme Governor. 5). Advise all chapters where, when, time and give directions to the meetings. The report was accepted.

HELLENIC AFFAIRS: Chair Lt. Gov. Nicholas Nikas; Jerry Capsinis, James W. Cocolis, Angelo Moutogiannis, Demetrios Tasoulas members. Proposal – Establish District-wide competition on knowledge of Hellenic History with \$3,000 annual prize called Hellenic History Trophy. Not tied to District scholarships. Work with Elias Tomazos and visit schools with Greek program. Have a column in the Yankee News called Hellenic Affairs. Go on TV Channel 12. The Hellenic Affairs Committee was authorized to proceed with the plan.

MEMBERSHIP: Chair: George Scarveles, PSG; Emmanuel Moshovos, Richard Pecka, Rick Pecka, SPSOP, members. Follow the Three E's: Event – Educate – Enlist/Engage. Event: - Host an event to attract potential members, not elaborate or black tie. Educate: - Have handouts, someone tell of their own personal experience on a grass roots level. Enlist/Engage: - Have an application ready, helping as needed to fill out the application and take it with you. In all this, you must show you have the knowledge, confidence and enthusiasm promoting AHEPA. Utilize the Sons, they are the future of AHEPA. Bring what you have learned about membership back to your chapters. Also, follow-up on delinquent members. Need to communicate. The Yankee News can help.

YANKEE NEWS: Chair: Supreme Secretary John Grossomanides; Ernie Poole, PDG, member. Brother Poole lauded the editor for his efforts. He proposed increasing photo quality, 4 issues per year and increasing the number of pages to twelve. He stated we need to get ads and he was willing to go to and talk to anyone. Most ads would be 'good will' and not necessarily for commercial purposes.

LEGISLATIVE: Chair: Gov. Kyprianou. The governor proposed the two scholarship limit be increased to three per individual. A discussion ensued on how changes are handled. The governor proposed a change so that changes to bylaws may be proposed at District Conferences and then voted up or down at conventions. A question was raised how and when were high school scholarships instituted. It was pointed out that originally scholarships were intended as a "benefit" to encourage membership and was for college students. A proposal was put forth to allow an option to receive scholarship dollars or to partially finance a Journey to Greece program for the student. No action taken. A recommendation was made to provide an agenda to all members when registering for the convention or conferences. A motion was made and passed to allow eligibility for three scholarships from the current two years.

BUDGET and FINANCE: Chair: John G. Grossomanides, PDG. Proposed new budget set at \$7,675. Proposed using excess funds from treasury to finance extra dollars needed. Assessments proposed were Per Capita = \$3; Scholarship = \$5 and Yankee News = \$7, for a total of \$15 per member. Motion was made and passed to set the budget items at Per Capita = \$3; Scholarship = \$4; Hellenic Affairs = \$1; and Yankee News at \$4 with a maximum of \$7 (depends on results of selling adequate number of ads). A question remained if a change to the bylaws was needed to accomplish the changing of assessments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

As there was only one person nominated for each office, the secretary was directed to cast one vote for each nominee, as follows:

Governor	Nicholas Nikas, Stamford, Chapter
Lt. Governor	Emmanuel Moshovos, Hartford, Chapter
Secretary	Jack Isaac, New Britain Chapter
Treasurer	John G. Grossomanides, Norwich Chapter

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A “well done” was offered for the work of outgoing Governor Kyprianou. It was announced that Chapter 250 would be dedicating its 4th elderly housing apartments building in September.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the convention at 4:44 p.m.

N.B. The Yankee District Seven Foundation, Inc. (was Scholarship Corporation) Annual Meeting Report was not submitted electronically and is not available for posting.