

AHEPA Family News



Every year, the Sons of Pericles recognize a selfless, caring individual within the community who is appreciated and admired by his peers and who exemplifies exceptional performance. This year's recipient is Chris Pappis.

Chris Pappis is a model 21st Century Hellene who proudly captures the American Spirit and who volunteers his impressive talents as a generous, compassionate human being. He also has a unique vision about where technology can take Hellenism in the 21st Century.

On Sunday, April 29, the Albany Sons of Pericles, AHEPANS from New York State and an extremely large representation from the community gathered in the church social hall of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Albany, New York for a testimonial luncheon to honor Chris Pappis, a fourth generation member of the Albany AHEPA Family.

Three AHEPA key note speakers, James Zafiros, District 6 Director of Membership, District 6 Governor Ted Stamas, and Supreme Secretary, Jimmy Kokotas, delivered inspiring tributes to the honoree. Membership Director, James Zafiros, congratulated Brother Pappis for his unwavering contributions to AHEPA, his community and to the much broader segments of society. District Governor, Ted Stamas, spoke about working with Chris Pappis to support AHEPA Chapters, promote and market the AHEPA brand, and to help them expand the districts visibility. Supreme Secretary, Jimmy Kokotas, presented a plaque to Chris and talked about his contribution to Hellenism. Their tributes were inspirational and uplifting. Albany Sons of Pericles President, Michael Ziamandanis, was Master of Ceremonies.

The infectious Philanthropic spirit of the event reminded all who attended that our most noble calling as human beings is to selflessly foster hope in and chase despair from the lives of others.

Albany AHEPA Chapter 140 welcomed new member James Morrill and recognized Brother Jim Gallas for attaining 50 years life membership. Daughters of Penelope Alope 158 also recognized Dora Mokhiber for attaining 50 years of membership, reinstated six members and welcomed Georgia Melas. Sons of Pericles Phocion 44 welcomed Marcus Gentile, Kirk Georgantonis, Dean Sokaris, George Stefos, George Toskos and Stephanos Tsarnas. Maids of Athena Sophia 48 welcomed Raena Burke, Elizabeth Cohen, Christina Esposito, Christina Katehis, Tania Moutaftsis, Demetra Mouzakes, Venetia Resciniti and Maria Tsakalakos.

On a somber note, Chapter 140 Brother Christ Hermedes and Daughters Alope Chapter 158 Sister Karen Pappis, who passed away, will always be fondly remembered and missed.

At the 2018 AHEPA Family Empire State District Six Convention, held June 15-17 and hosted by the Hempstead AHEPA Family at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Paul, Chapter, District 6 Secretary Chris Pappis was re-elected to a fourth term.

In addition, Cookie Patelos was elected Daughters of Penelope Lt. Governor, Lainie Christou, Secretary and Marina Patelos, Treasurer.

Congratulations go to Nia Cohen as recipient of the \$1,000 Daughters of Penelope Alope 158 Scholarship and to Lukas Fisher, George Marinopoulos, Christopher Moutopoulos and Michael Ziamandanis as recipients of a \$500 Arthur P. Takes AHEPA Scholarship. Michael Ziamandanis also received the 2018 AHEPA District 6 Scholarship which was presented at the AHEPA Family District 6 Convention Scholarship Luncheon on June 16 in Hempstead. We wish them all great success in their studies and futures.

Finally, the 96th AHEPA Family Supreme Convention was held July 22 to 27 at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, NJ. Supreme President Carl Hollister bestowed 2018 District of the Year to AHEPA District 6 for being the largest and most productive district in the AHEPA domain, for its extensive involvement in the Greek Independence Day Parade in NYC, and for its extensive chapter events.

At the Supreme Convention, Fred Docous was elected Sons of Pericles Supreme Vice President and Michel-Gabrielle Legato was also elected Maids of Athena Grand Treasurer.

Daughters Grand Vice President Demi Thomas presented Alope Chapter 158 with a growth and expansion award for being a chapter with most initiates – under 50 members.

We would also like to congratulate Sons of Pericles President Michael Ziamandanis as recipient of the Son of the Year award and Sons of Pericles Phocion Chapter 44 for receiving Chapter of the Year. Maids of Athena President Zoe Bousbouras was the Worthy Maid of the Year.

In addition, we congratulate the Albany Sons and Maids for winning the Dynamic Duo Award. There was also an award presented to the Maids of Athena District 6 for the largest membership increase.

Accolades go to the Albany Sons of Pericles for presenting \$3,000 to St. Basil Academy and \$2,000 to Operation at Ease.

AHEPA District 6 Secretary Chris Pappis was presented a gift from AHEPA Region 3 Supreme Governor George Karatzia following church services on August 12, 2018.

Congratulations go to all award and scholarship recipients and those elected to office.

Have a successful 2018 – 2019!

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AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) is the largest Greek-American association in the world with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, Cyprus, and sister chapters in Australia and New Zealand. It was established in 1922 by visionary Greek Americans to protect Hellenes from prejudice originating from the KKK, and in its history, AHEPA joined with the NAACP and B'nai B'rith International to fight discrimination. The mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

Albany AHEPA 140 Officers

President: Michael Koutsourades
Vice President: Jordan Moisides
Secretary: Chris Pappis
Treasurer: Rev. Fr. Patric Legato

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President: Diane Cohen
Vice President: Maria Neal
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Recording Secretary: Sheila Moutopoulos
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Recording Secretary: Christo Melas
Treasurer: Ted Efstathiadis

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Vice President: Kristina Marinopoulos
Corresponding Secretary: Raena Burke
Recording Secretary: Maria Koutsakis
Treasurer: Matina Ziamandanis



2018 Arthur P. Takes AHEPA Scholarships awarded to Lukas Fisher, George Marinopoulos, Christopher Moutopoulos and Michael Ziamandanis



2018 Daughters of Penelope Alope 158 Scholarship awarded to Nia Cohen



AHEPA Service Award presented to AHEPA District 6 Secretary Chris Pappis by AHEPA Supreme Secretary Jimmy Kokotas