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FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Greetings dear Sisters,

As another year has just passed, I would like to thank all the Chapters for their hard work, accomplishments and their commitment to Philanthropy, Education, Sisterhood, Volunteerism and Respect for each other. In particular, I am thankful for the fantastic rapport and spirit of cooperation that cultivated between the Chapters and the District Lodge.

A quote by the talented and eccentric artist Andy Warhol "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself", reminds us all that we, with our actions, produce changes that affect our lives, the way we work and think. The District Lodge, through hard work, has introduced a large number of positive changes in the District last year including significant administrative restructuring and implementation of new ideas and objectives that reinforce the ideals of Fairness and Justice that are the cement for good relationships between all district entities.

The AHEPA Family 84th Beaver District #23 Convention was held with immense success in Toronto, ON. Congratulations to the Toronto AHEPA Family for their impeccable organization and hospitality.

We were honored by the attendance of Supreme Treasurer of AHEPA brother George Horiates and Grand Governor of Zone V of DOP sister Margaret Dritsas.

The business session of DOP was one of the most convivial meetings I ever attended. Thanks to the professional and genteel stewardship of chair sister Eleni Inglis (PCP) and vice chair sister Aspa Kostopoulos (PCP; PGG) the meeting proceeded in the spirit of good fellowship.

Presentation of the Manual of "District By-Laws and Archives 1985-2018", a product of the conscientious and in-depth work by sister Betty Drakontaidis (PCP). The Manual will be distributed as an e-book to all chapter presidents. The Manual will be updated every year.

We passed three significant “Proposed Legislative Changes” and the documents have been forwarded to the Legislation Chairman at the Supreme Convention.

We awarded each chapter with a “District Governor’s Certificate of Merit” for one conspicuous excellence they achieved during 2018-2019 (as listed by Lt. Governor sister Angela Mouriopoulos).

The District contributed \$500.00 to MOA.

The District mailed a cheque of \$400.00 to Melissa Orphanage in Thessaloniki, Greece, for the education of Dioni as a teacher of pre-school children with special needs.

Elections: *We are deeply thankful to all delegates for re-electing the entire District Lodge for another year. I am profoundly touched by your demonstration of trust to re-elect me for a third term. I am grateful and honored beyond words and I give you my pledge that we will all continue our sincere efforts to work faithfully for the betterment of our District.*

Congratulations to the new District Lodges of AHEPA and Maids of Athena.

(More District Convention highlights by Lt. Governor sister Angela Mouriopoulos, VP of Scholarships and Public Relations sister Fotini Caragiannis and District Advisor to MOA sister Kathy Dimou).

I wish you all and your families the Best Summer Ever! May God bless your Travels and your Holidays.



REPORT FROM Lt GOVERNOR ANGELA MOURIOPOULOS

District 23 District Project 2018-2019

At the 83rd District 23 Convention held in Hamilton, Ontario, the hosting chapter Philomela #294 announced the their choice for the District Project, THRIVE Child and Youth Trauma Services.

The District presented Hamilton Chapter with a cheque, \$250 from chapter contributions.

Thank you to all chapter sand members for their generosity.

District Penelope of the Year 2019

The selection committee for the District Penelope of the Year followed the matrix point system and selected Sister Eleni Agas from Toronto Mycenae #220 as the 2019 Penelope of the Year.

Congratulations to Sister Eleni.

District Chapter of the Year 2019

The selection committee for Chapter of the year was comprised of the members of the District Lodge and Sis. Margaret Dritsas, Grand Governor V observed. Following the improved matrix point system the committee selected Montreal Meandros #168 as the 2019 Chapter of the Year.

District Governor's Award 2019

This year District Governor Sister Xanthe established the District Govenor's Award to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions and achievements of every chapter in District 23 that most distinguished the chapter in 2018-2019.

Hamilton Philomela Chapter #294– Benevolent Services & Community Volunteerism

Montreal Meandros Chapter #168 – Dedication to Education

Ottawa Euphrosyne #292 – Excellence in Volunteerism and Teamwork

London Orpheus Chapter #297 – Initiation and Reinstatement Leaders

Toronto Mycenae Chapter #220 – Dedication to the Promotion of Hellenism

Congratulations to all the chapters and members for their accomplishments



**REPORT FROM VP OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND PUPLIC RELATIONS
FOTINI CARAGIANNIS**



Hello Sisters and Happy Summer! It was very nice to see and meet so many of you at our 84th Beaver District Convention. Our DOP District 23 website has already been updated with some of the great photos taken that weekend. If you have any photos to share, or if your chapters are having events and there are posters you would like us to see, do not hesitate to email them to me. I will upload them to the gallery and post them on the calendar.

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*Please join me now in congratulating the 2018-2019 Scholarship winners:*

*Andreas Koloniaris of Ottawa,*

*Studying Business-Accounting at Algonquin College &*

*Spyros Caragiannis of Montreal,*

*Studying Information and Library Technologies at John Abbott College.*

*We wish them both continued success! Πάντα Άξιοι!*

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I wish you all a wonderful summer, at home, on vacation, wherever you may be!

Love, Fotini

REPORT FROM DISTRICT ADVISOR TO MOA
KATHY DIMOU

Hello Sisters

Our MOA District 23 lodge has a productive 2018-2019 year.

In October Antonia Lafka and Melina Kokkinos of MOA Asteria Chapter presented a cheque for \$3300.00 to our 2017-2018 project to The Royal Ottawa Hospital and the Do It For Daron Fund \$2000.00 was raised as a District and the Ottawa Maids raised another \$1300.00.

During the mid-year conference our District lodge was busy selling ribbons in support of domestic violence. We raised \$175.00 in support of Daughters of Penelope's House. In late March we had our first issue of a District Newsletter.

*During our District Convention in May our younger Sisters were selling ribbons again this time in support of the National Alliance on Mental Health. A total \$205.00 was raised. By the time of our District Convention, a total of **\$2000.00** was raised in support of **Sheena's Place**. We also announced the **2019/2020 MOA District project which is the Hospital for Sick Children's Herbie Fund**. Started by Paul and Gina Godfrey, the Herbie Fund helps hundreds of children from 106 countries receive medical and surgical assistance at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.*

*During the District Convention we presented our 2018/2019 **Maid of the Year Award**. Congratulations to London Ontario Clotho Chapter's **Irene Kostakos**. Well done.*

*I would like to introduce to you your 2019-2020 **MOA District lodge: District Governor - Mary Bellissimo , District Lieutenant Governor - Christina Koumoutsidis, District Secretary - Athena Bikas, District Treasurer - Natalie Bellissimo, District Marshall - Athanasia Bikas.***

It was a pleasure serving as the District Advisor this past year. I am so proud of our young sisters and the accomplishments made this year.

On behalf of the MOA District Lodge and myself, I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Kathy Dimou



DISTRICT LODGE 2019-2020—our troopers



INSTALLATION OF DL OFFICERS



District Governor's Certificates of Merit--The Magnificent Five



Our District #23 DOP Delegates



AHEPA Family--All Saints Church after the Divine Liturgy and Artoclasia

