The 85th Delta District 16 Convention is underway, with new avenues of opportunity and limitless possibilities for the future of the AHEPA Family!

Allow us to acknowledge the service and contributions of the Host Committee whose tireless efforts and dedication made this weekend possible:

(In alphabetical order)

Doug Harris Gretchen Holtsinger Barbara B. Maligas Mel Mamula Johanna V. Pappas Paulette Pastor Tom Pearson, Sr.

We also thank those past members of the Supreme and Grand Lodges, who reside in our host city, who patiently and selflessly offered advice, counsel and direction in matters of protocol and operational standards in pursuit of an efficient and rewarding Convention experience.

Anthony Kouzounis, PSP Becky Demeris, PGP Mary Verges, PGP

Finally, we offer our sincere gratitude to the sponsors, donors, and supporters whose greetings and messages appear on the pages that follow.

We ask you to extend your thanks-and your patronage-where appropriate.

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## A Spectacular Fríday Níght Kíck Off for AHEPA's Dístríct 16 Convention!

6:00 PM to Midnight

The Boulevard Ballroom - Lobby Level - Hilton Houston Post Oak A 60 Year Reunion of District 16's Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena!







Dancing to Live Music from Alex Kalos, The Golden Greek!

Featuring performances of Traditional Greek Folk Dances.



### 3 Greek Dancing Troupes

The Olympian Dancers Anastasia Papanicolaou, Director www.TheOlympianDancers.org St. John's Asteria Andrea Campbell, Director StJohnClearLake@comcast.net

The Original Greek Festival Dancers Chris Katerinakis, Director www.GreekFestival.org

And, a surprise "out of retirement" performance by two festival favorites! (If their doctors give them permission)

The AHEPA District 16 convention committee thanks the past, current, and future members of the AHEPA family on the Pappas Restaurants Team for making this historic evening possible!

The production of tonight's event was generously underwritten by:



Coming Saturday Night to the District 16 Grand Banquet Beginning at 6:00 PM in the Boulevard Ballroom Hilton Houston Post Oak

### Live Music by Moodafaruka!



Moodafaruka was founded in 1999 by Rom Ryan and through their blending of melodies and lyrics inspired by different cultures, these troubadours create music that is both familiar and new. While the band playfully describes its musical genre as "*Nuevo flamenco world fusion global groove gypsy surf music*" it is more easily and more engagingly classified as "world fusion." Find the band at www.Moodafaruka.com.

### Live Performance by Comedian Tommy Drake!

Tommy Drake is of Greek-American descent and performs tonight to honor his AHEPAN father. Tommy and his wife Becky make their home in Houston, which serves as his point of embarkation for his comedic performances for cruise ship audiences around the world. See his work and his schedule at TommyDrake.com

### **Performance Art** by Tra' Slaughter!



Named by The Houston Press as one of the city's 100 Most Creative People, Tra' Slaughter is a selftaught artist whose work adorns Houston's city streets, the walls of City Hall and the homes of private collectors. At 6:00 PM on Saturday night, in the ante room of the Boulevard Ballroom, Tra' will begin work on a piece of art commissioned especially for the District 16 Grand Banquet. When that piece is finished at 10:00 PM, it will be auctioned for the benefit of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Your purchases from Tra's Milestone Collection, also on display Saturday night, will benefit AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope. See Tra's work and story at www.TraSlaughter.com.





### 85<sup>th</sup> AHEPA DISTRICT 16 CONVENTION

Where to be—when to be there!



3:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Opens—Memorial Suite, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
6:00 PM- Midnight 7:00 PM?? 8:30 PM-Midnight Complimentary Pizza and Refree	Sons and Maids Reunion/Boulevard Ballroom/Lobby Level Greek Folk Dancing Exhibition Dancing/Live Greek Music from the Alex Kalos Band shments available from 6 'til 9. Cash bar all night.
Saturday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	
7:00 AM	Past District Governors Breakfast (By Invitation) Galleria C and Post Oak Room-Lobby Level
8:00-9:30 AM 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast (see meeting room assignments) Convention Opens AHEPA Sessions/San Felipe Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Daughters of Penelope Sessions/Richmond Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
NOON	Lunch Break (On your own).
2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Sessions for all Groups resume Joint AHEPA/Daughters Session/San Felipe Room
6:00 PM	AHEPA Oath of Membership Renewal Director's Room, Lobby Level
6:00 PM	Cocktails (Cash Bar) Boulevard Room Foyer Business/cocktail attire
6:45 PM	Doors Open for Grand Banquet/Boulevard Room
7:15 PM	Processional and Introduction of Honored Guests
7:30 PM	Greetings/Invocation/Dinner is Served
8:00 PM	Remarks by Comedian Tommy Drake, Program Begins
9:00- 11:00 PM	Music by Moodafaruka
Sunday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	
9:30 AM	Liturgy at Annunciation Cathedral, 3511 Yoakum Blvd.
11:30 AM- 2:00 PM	AHEPA Family "Kalo Taxidi" Brunch/Theo's Restaurant 812 Westheimer (1/2 mile from the Cathedra
1:00 PM	Dedication of AHEPA Family Athenaeum/Theo's/Main Floor

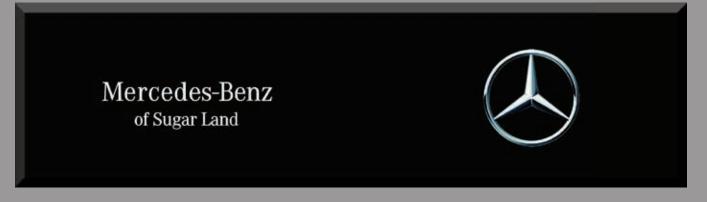


If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play at it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf. Bob Hope

Thanks to those who did the work that ensured the success of our 2016 Golf Outing.

The AHEPA Golf Committee "Gus" Angelo Mike Spartalis - Tom Pearson, Sr. Alex Jelson Our Hole Sponsors Chris Kaitson - Anthony Kouzounis Timothy Joannides, Supreme Governor Region 7

With grateful acknowledgement of our premier sponsor



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### CITY OF HOUSTON-

#### Sylvester Turner

Mayor

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June 24, 2016

Greetings,

As Mayor of the City of Houston, I welcome all attending the **85<sup>th</sup> American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) Delta District 16 Convention**, hosted by Alexander the Great Chapter #29 and the Daughters of Penelope Achaia Chapter #54. We are honored that you have chosen the City of Houston to host this prestigious event.

I commend **AHEPA** for promoting the ideals of Hellenism which include education, family philanthropy, civic responsibility and individual excellence through charitable and educational programs. This year's convention brings together delegates and friends from chapters within the district to experience a weekend of seminars and social events. I am confident that your organization will continue to acknowledge the emergence of Greek heritage within society and most importantly in the city of Houston.

Once again, welcome, enjoy your stay and best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

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Sylvester Turner Mayor



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#### ORDEROFFAHEPA SUPREME LODGE HEADOUARTERS AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

April, 2016

Dear Fellow Members of the AHEPA Family:

Dear AHEPA Family:

An AHEPA District Convention is very important in that its purpose is to bring all the respective chapters together to exchange ideas, to discuss mutual problems and possible solutions and to renew friendships. Therefore, I want to wish each and every district a successful and pleasant convention. I have asked members of the Supreme Lodge to try to attend as many District conventions as possible. Many conventions are being held simultaneously so in the remote possibility there is a conflict in you District please understand we try very hard to fulfill our obligation to you just like all of you do to your chapters and District.



Please keep the St. Nicholas Shrine in your deliberations as it will be a landmark for the Greek people and our Orthodox faith for many years to come. You can be proud that, AHEPA (which is the only Greek American organization contributing \$1,000,000 toward that project) will be represented as it has always done in the past supporting the Greek American community and the Church.

I want you to know that, AHEPA is alive and well. In my travels, I am pleased to report that we are highly respected because of the work of our predecessors. We must continue this legacy by ensuring that we recruit new members and future leaders to carry on in the future. To a man, we have quality members for which I am very proud.

AHEPA is an extraordinary organization. Commitment to its mission statement – perpetuation of the Hellenic ideals – is essential not only to the success of the fraternity but also to the maintenance of the ideals and values of the society in which we live. We have received a rich legacy from those who came before us. We are the stewards of that legacy which we must pass on to those who follow us.

My best wishes for a productive convention leading to continuation of that success! I wish you harmonious and productive deliberations in the spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood. I wish to thank everyone for their hospitality and to the courtesies extended to my family and I during my travels. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, NV during the week of July  $24^{th} - 29^{th}$ , 2016.

Fraternally,

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John W. Galanis Supreme President



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## **REGION 7**

AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATION PROGRESSIVE ASSOCATION

June, 24, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the AHEPA Family, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2016 AHEPA DISTRICT 16 CONVENTION here in Houston, Texas!

The members of the AHEPA FAMILY in District 16 have worked diligently with the 2016 Convention Committee to plan this 85<sup>th</sup> Annual convention so that you may all take part in the exchange of ideas and work harmoniously to fulfill our AHEPA Family Values.

As Supreme Governor for Region 7, 1 have enjoyed working together with District Governor Demetrios Mourtakos and Lt. Governor Kerry Tassopoulos in bringing our District 16 to new heights, staying focused on our Mission Statement by implementing and promoting our three Region 7 Initiatives;

- Increasing District membership through Chapter development by promoting AHEPA's Top Ten Best Practices.
- Developing new and supporting existing Sons of Pericles Chapters- "The Rising Sons of AHEPA."
- Continuing to promote and support The Saint Nicholas Shrine project in NYC.

Our founders gave of themselves, and with courage and vision created common goals for the GOOD of the ORDER. It is up to each of us to collectively do our best to honor the past and create a promising future for our youth, preserving the Legacy we inherited.

Best wishes for great deliberations and a productive and memorable 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Weekend!

Fraternally,

Timothy J. Joannides Supreme Governor Region 7

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May 1, 2016

Dear AHEPA Family and Friends,



District Conventions bring us together as a Family, and we honor those Officers that have served and those that are elected to successfully lead you in the coming year.

The achievements of the AHEPA Family have taken us down a path of growth and expansion around the world. Through our outstanding programs, activities, events and philanthropic efforts, we have made a significant and positive impact on others.

Having the privilege to serve as the Grand President has afforded me not only new friendships across the Country but also the knowledge, challenges, purpose and pride of accomplishments made by our Brothers, Sisters, our Districts, our Chapters, "Our Family".

With a Renewed Spirit of Family, our Mission statement will only continue to make us stronger and lead us well into the future. I wish you good deliberations and continued accomplishments.

As Always with Love,

In Theta Pi,

Corrie Pelalles

Connie Pilallis Grand President Daughters of Penelope



Dear Delta District 16 AHEPA Family Members and Guests:

It is with great pleasure that I join you as the Grand Liaison to Daughters of Penelope at your District 16 Annual Convention in Houston, Texas.

With great pride I recognize the Daughters of Penelope Sisters in District 16 for the unique role they play in the overwhelming success of their District AHEPA Family. Their support of the individual communities' through philanthropic projects, volunteerism and civic responsibility is enlightening and their dedication is a tribute to our wonderful organization.

District Convention is a time for us to reflect on our legacy that our founders gave us through their courage and vision. It is up to each and every one of us to do our part not only to honor the past but also to continue creating a promising future for our youth who are our present and our future.

Please accept my heartfelt best wishes for a harmonious, productive and memorable 2016 Delta 16 District Convention.

Yours in Theta Pi, Eva Gean Fomalont



Grand Secretary/Liaison D16

## Daughters of Penelope

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Welcome AHEPA Family District 16;

On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope and the Maids of Athena, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to the District 16 AHEPA Family Convention.

I commend you all for your outstanding devotion to your respective Orders, congratulate you on your numerous achievements, and thank you for your active participation in our beloved organization.

The Grand President's theme this year is "RENEW". Please think about the oath you took and renew it "together" this weekend. We must continue to grow as a true "family"; AHEPA-Daughters-Sons-and Maids

To successful deliberations and trust that all will work together for the "Good of the Order". I wish you continued success in District No.16

Love in Theta Pi and Pi Alpha, 💙

Kathy Bizoukas Zotos

Kathy Bizoukas Zotos Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena



### The Order of the Sons of Pericles

**Office of the Supreme President** 1909 Q Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20009



Brothers and Sisters of District 16,

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Sons of Pericles, to welcome you to your district's annual convention. The district convention is an important time of year in which our chapters of all four orders come together, to reflect on the year past, share ideas, and set up a plan for an even more successful year to come. I wish everyone fruitful deliberations in their respective meetings.



The Sons of Pericles, celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this

year, on a national level, have been able to strengthen their existing chapters, across the United States, Canada, and Greece, and continue to grow our order. The bonds created and kept within this organization are what makes us unique, and what has helped this organization prosper for over nine decades.

The only way we can ensure the continuance of our senior orders is by working to strengthen and grow our junior auxiliaries. The Sons of Pericles are the future, and the present, of the Order of AHEPA, and we would love to expand in District 16, where there is currently one active chapter. We rely on our senior brothers and sisters, our advocates on the ground where we do not already have active chapters, to help us grow, and I urge everyone to ensure that the support of the youth is a discussion at this convention. Know that our Supreme Lodge is always available to assist in the strengthening and expansion of our order.

Best of luck with this year's convention, and on behalf of the entire Supreme Lodge, we offer our best wishes for continued success and growth in the year to come.

Fraternally,

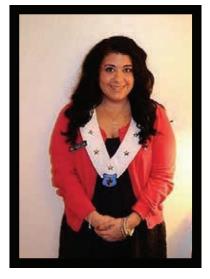
Andreas E. Christou Supreme President Sons of Pericles

Maids of Athena JUNIOR AUXILARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE 1909 Q STREET N.W. · SUITE 500 · WASHINGTON D.C. · 20009

Dear Ahepa Family of District 16,

On behalf of the Maids of Athena it is my distinct honor to welcome you to the Delta District 16 AHEPA Family Convention.

I commend you all for your outstanding devotion to your respective Order; congratulate you on your numerous achievements, and thank you for your active participation in our beloved organization.



The accomplishments of the Maids of Athena have been quite impressive this year. Through the promotion of our projects and programs we have been able to INFLUENCE our members, youth and communities by raising thousands of dollars for our National Project: The Rebuilding of Saint Nicholas Church/Shrine at Ground Zero, building upon our existing chapters and increasing our overall membership through the reactivation and initiation of new members. What has been completed so effectively exemplifies the goals and ideals of our Sisterhood

As our organization continues to grow, I encourage you all to help us in our future endeavors. We currently have 1 active chapter of Maids of Athena in District 16, and it is my hope that through our Growth and Expansion initiative and your guidance and support, that we can revitalize our presence in the area. It is only with your aid that we can expand our membership and accomplish our goals.

I wish you harmonious and productive deliberations in the spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood. I thank all of you for your support and cooperation and I offer my best wishes for continued success to our future leaders.



With Love in Pi Alpha,

Deanna Socaris

Deanna Socaris Maids of Athena Grand President



Delta District 16

From the Desk of District Governor Demetrios "Jim" Mourtakos

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

I extend my warm greetings to our District 16 delegates, their families and their guests.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Host City's Convention Committee since last fall and I hope you will find that we have a spectacular weekend in store for you.

As we turn our attention to the good work of our Orders and the business of the District Convention, I urge you to recall the spirit of service and commitment that first inspired you to join the AHEPA Family.

To my AHEPA Brothers, I invite you to join me on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM here at the Convention hotel to once again take your Oath of Membership to AHEPA in concert with several new initiates.

To the leaders of the District 16 AHEPA Family, I ask you to embrace our Order's commitment to the restoration of the St. Nicholas project and to review the generous offer of free commemorative canvas prints (detailed here in the Convention album) for use in your local fundraising efforts.

And to those watching and observing the actions of AHEPA, whether you are members or not, I extend a hand of friendship along with my personal overture to find your place among us, to join our mission, and to become a part of our future.

Fraternally,

Demetrios "Jim" Mourtakos

**District Governor** 



#### Delta District 16

To the AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Delegates and Guests:

On behalf of the Daughters of Penelope District Lodge and the Daughters of Penelope, I would like to welcome you to the grand city of Houston, TX for the annual Delta District 16 convention. Howdy ya'll !!!

As we enjoy visiting old friends and sightseeing around the Houston area, we also have important business to take care of. The chapters have worked diligently this year to see that the objectives of our organization are carried out. Now is the time to come together and work on how to make our organization achieve with even greater success.

I would like to welcome our newest chapter to Delta District 16, Chryseis, from the Clear Lake area. We are happy to have you and look forward to your representation and participation in our District. Glad to have you aboard.

Here's to a successful convention.

Respectfully in Theta Pi,

Johanna Pappas

Johanna Pappas

District Governor

Delta District 16



June 15, 2016

85<sup>th</sup> AHEPA Delta District 16 Convention Houston, Texas

Dear Members of the AHEPA Family,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 85<sup>th</sup> AHEPA Delta District 16 Convention and we are delighted you have chosen Houston as your host city! Our prayer is that you will have a most pleasant visit and fruitful deliberations.

For almost a century AHEPA has championed Hellenic concerns in our Nation. We thank you for the services so generously extended in times of need and to our Orthodox religious communities. I encourage you to continue to closely cooperate with our communities in carrying the sacred legacy which is to perpetuate the values of our Greek Orthodox faith together with those of our Hellenic culture.

May God inspire all of you and guide AHEPA in its pursuit of excellence in all its noble educational and charitable endeavors.

In His service,

Fr. Mart LaL

Rev. Fr. Michael J. Lambakis Dean



Welcome Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Family!

Traditionally, the message from the hosting chapter president communicates greetings and a promise of a productive and enjoyable weekend for our delegates and guests.

So first, my brothers and sisters, I extend the warmest welcome and well wishes of our chapters and our collective pledge to make your stay and deliberations here in Houston enjoyable and memorable.

Now, I'd like to make a special request of you.

With the centennials of our organizations less than ten years away, we find ourselves at a crossroads. With justifiable pride, we may reflect on our undeniably rich history, but to ensure the growth (survival?) of our Orders, our message must inspire the newest generations of our communities.

On Friday night, our gathering will include dozens of young adults whose very presence at our Greek Night demonstrates their appreciation of Hellenism and the treasured culture of our ancestors. You'll know them by their energetic youth and their lavish Island costumes. I invite you—urge you—to make them feel welcome.

These are the people we must reach. These are the people who can revitalize our ranks. These are the people who will shape our future, with bold—probably different—thinking.

The ideals that have guided the AHEPA Family for nearly 100 years will find a willing audience with this population IF we make a concerted effort to connect with them. The vibrant enthusiasm of these students, aspiring professionals, entrepreneurs, homemakers, artists, community servants, educators, and future caretakers of America's economy is the rocket fuel we need.

Meet them. Greet them. Entreat them.

There will be membership applications for all four organizations at the front door.

With warm fraternal regards,

Doug Harris, President

Alexander the Great Chapter #29



**ALEXANDER THE GREAT** 

Chapter 29 / Order of AHEPA Houston, Texas







"There is strength in numbers, yes, but even more so in collective good will. For those endeavors are supported by mighty forces unseen."

Richelle E. Goodrich

To our Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Family: The Brothers of Houston's Alexander the Great Chapter #29 take pride in their standing as the second largest AHEPA chapter in the world.

But we remain cognizant of our responsibility to our global fraternity, composed of chapters of all sizes and resources, and are mindful that we are but one of hundreds of great chapters worldwide.

Without your attendance and support, this gathering would yield a limited bounty. With deepest gratitude, we express our thanks for your commitment of time and treasure this weekend—and beyond.

We hope you enjoy our city, our hospitality and our fellowship!

The Brothers of AHEPA 29

Daughters of Penelope







Johanna Pappas - Governor Gretchen Holtsinger - Lt. Governor Betty Boyd - Treasurer Effie Mitsopoulos - Secretary Barbara Maligas - Advisor

With Best Wishes for a Successful

District Convention!

The Sisters of the DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE ACHAIA Chapter 54 Welcome you to Houston, Texas



We promise you a successful and memorable District Convention as we strive to accomplish the philanthropic work and ideals of our organization.

### Daughters of Penelope Delta District 16 Past District Governor's Club



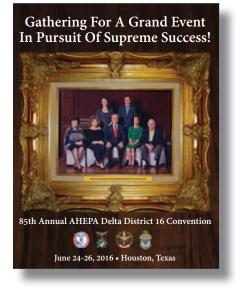
#### Sends their best wishes for a very Successful District Convention

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Each of our District Convention registrants will receive a complimentary copy of the commemorative album you now hold in your hand, as will each individual or organization who purchased a message page or advertisement.

If you are not among either of these groups and would like to have copy as a memento, please inquire at the Convention registration/ticket tables on either night.



A limited number are available in consideration of a minimum donation of \$15 to the Convention, while supplies last.







### CONGRATULATIONS DELTA DISTRICT 16! DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

The objectives of the Daughters of Penelope are to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civil Responsibility and Family & Individual Excellence. The Daughters of Penelope encourages and promotes loyalty to the country in which they live; cultivates the ideals and traditions of Hellenism; promotes opportunities of education; and promotes the spirit of cooperation and works closely and in harmony with the whole AHEPA Family – AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athena and Sons of Pericles. The Daughters of Penelope is non-partisan and non-denominational.

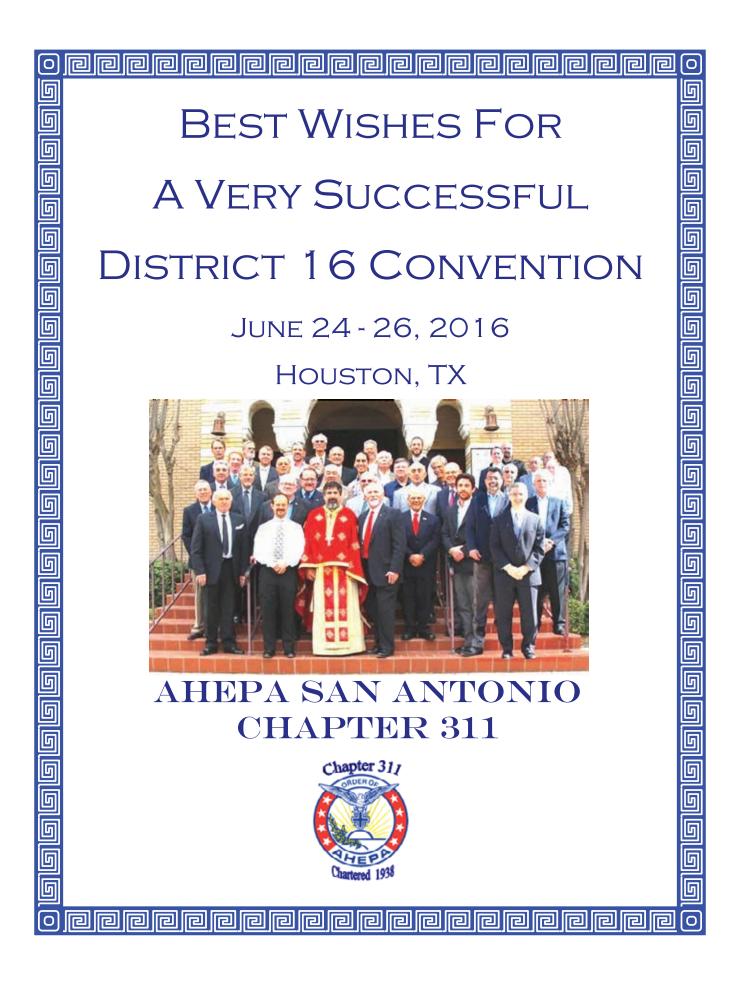
HECABE CHAPTER 185 ST. SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH San Antonio, Texas The New Orleans AHEPA Family Wishes Houston a Successful and Fun Convention





## AHEPA Andrew Jackson Chapter #133

Daughters of Penelope Nestor Chapter #55



Greetings from the George Marinos Chapter # 276 Galveston, Texas

## **Best Wishes for A Successful Convention**



## **AHEPA Chapter Officers**

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## Our best wishes for a Fun and Successful Convention!!!



AHEPA Chapter #8 93 Years Service and Brotherhood 1923 - 2016

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## Shreveport, Louisiana

## Daughters of Penelope Terpsichore #105 ~ Dallas, Texas



"Save A Life" Philanthropy Fund Raiser



San Francisco National Convention



Shreveport, LA District Convention



Stonewall Jackson School for Deaf Christmas Philanthropy

*Terpsichore*, as its namesake, continues to "*Delight in Dancing*" for educational, philanthropic, and cultural works for the "*Good of the Order*".

Thank you Houston AHEPA & Daughters for your hospitality and stellar efforts! Sincere Best Wishes for a Successful Convention!

## **Welcome AHEPA Family!**

## AHEPA 29 INC. Phase I, II, III, and IV Houston, Texas



Providing affordable housing for low income seniors with 251 apartment units.





### AHEPA 29 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

#### We are pleased to announce our 2016 Scholarship Recipients.

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#### **Officers and Directors:**

Ted Geoca Doug Harris Chris Kaitson John Kiappes Manual Maligas Mary Minas

#### **Scholarship Recipients:**

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### DOP 54 Apartments, Phase I In Memory of Our Beloved Marie Harris, Founder, Treasurer & Director



Marie Harris, Sharon Papadopoulos, Mary Verges, Vangie Barrow, Mary Lymberry, Delores Pappas.

#### **Fundraising for Seed Money**

"Making our case" to the Mayor of Houston!

Vangie Barrow, Marie Harris, Mary Verges, Sharon Papadopoulos, Mary Lymberry, Delores Pappas.



Phase I



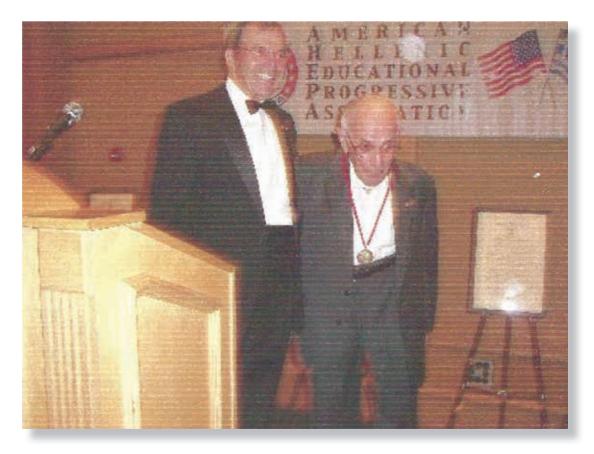
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Front row: Delores Pappas, Mary Verges, Mary Lymberry, Marie Harris. Back row: Sharon Papadopoulos, Vangie Barrow, Niki Vaughn.

## A truly great and dedicated AHEPAN, Jimmy received the fourth ever Life Time Achievement Award.

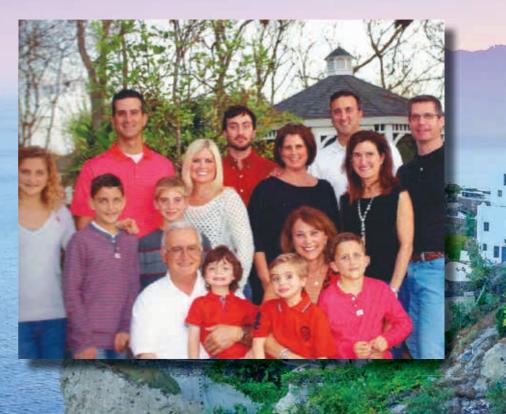


James G. Petheríotes ís a gentleman who has been the keystone for the Helleníc Community in Houston.

## **AHEPANS & Daughters...**

From our family to Yours... Wishing you a successful convention.

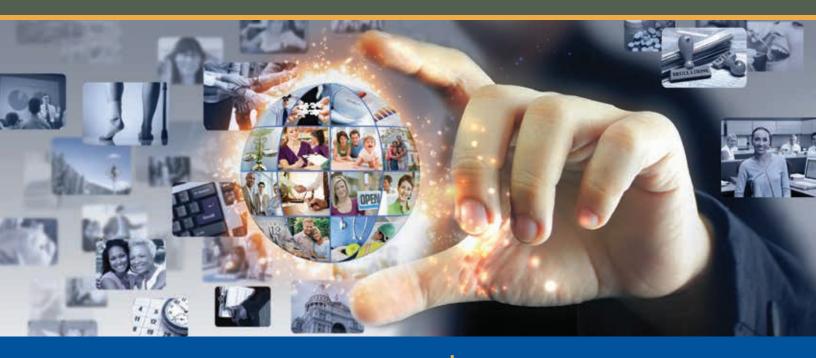
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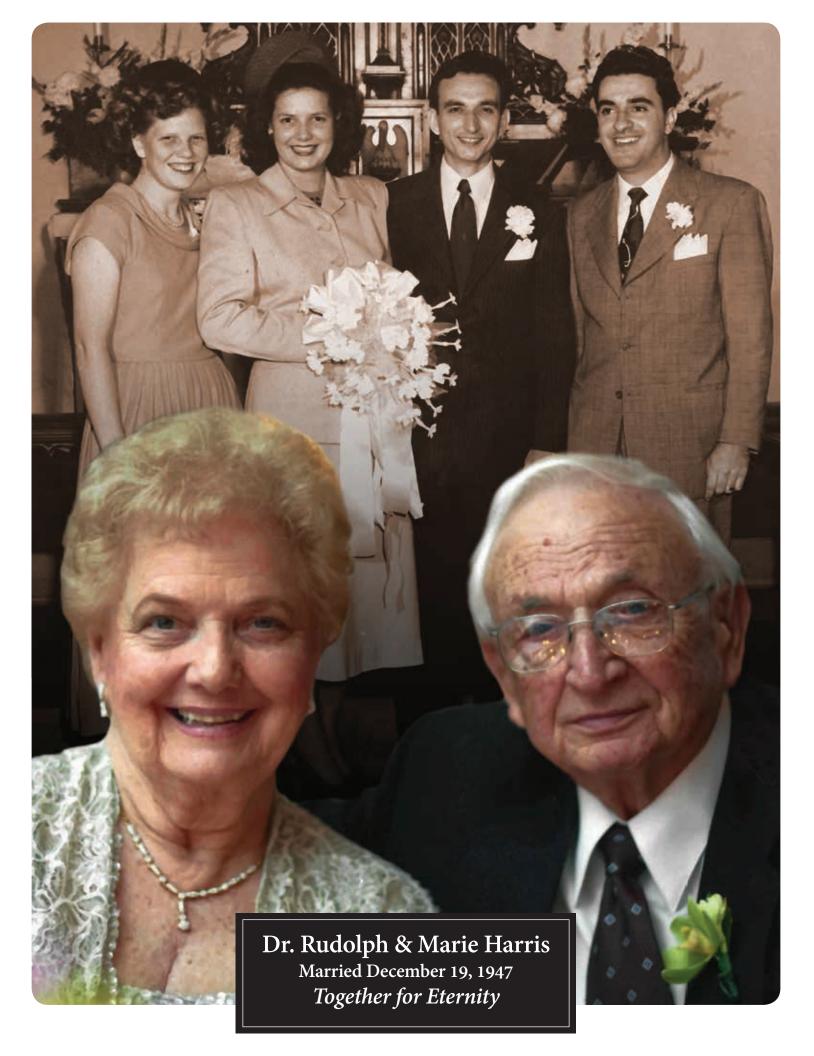
# "A heart that loves is always young."

## Greek Proverb

This selection of AHEPANs in Love . . .

Bill & JoAnn Crassas June 30,1962

# Happy 54th Anniversary! From Dean Crassas and Sia & Tim Ruppert



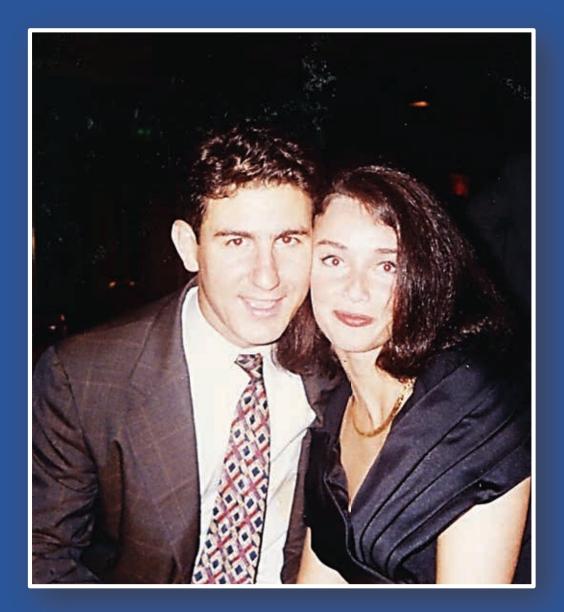
### Mr. & Mrs. Phil Economides October 6, 1961

Children: Cathy Bonner, Stacy Economides, Gus Economides, Christine Panagopoulos

#### Grandchildren

Christina Bonner, Anastasia Economides, Costa Economides, Nicolette Economides, Katina Economides, Alexandra Economides, Katherine Panagopoulos, Hailey Economides, Kyle Economides

### 1993 District 16 Convention, Shreveport, LA. George Polydoros, Jr. meets Chrysi Pazeotopoulos.



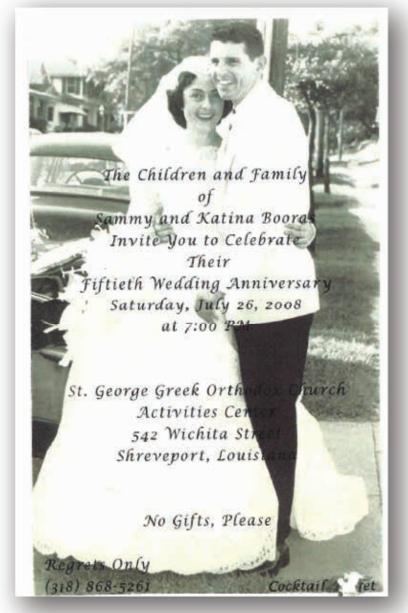
September 16, 1995 Mr. & Mrs George Polydoros are wed.

# AHEPANS IN LOVE

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## **GREETINGS!**

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Mary and John celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in St. Thomas and neighboring islands!

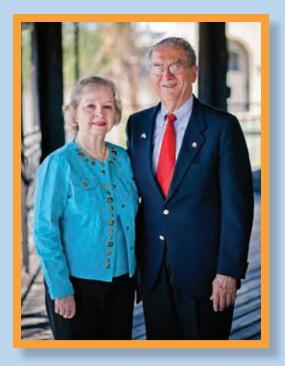


Mike and Mary Verges 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary November 11, 2010



# Going to the Final Four! Q

Michael, George, Denny & Margaret Michalopulos – Plus Mary Verges



# Welcome to Houston Anthony & Millie

# Our Best Wishes for a success in all our Endeavors.

#### Anthony D. Kouzounis Supreme President

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"The Hellenic Ethos is complex, but beautiful."

# Best wishes for a successful convention Joan Lambron and Nicholas Lambron

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Barbara Stavis Wolf

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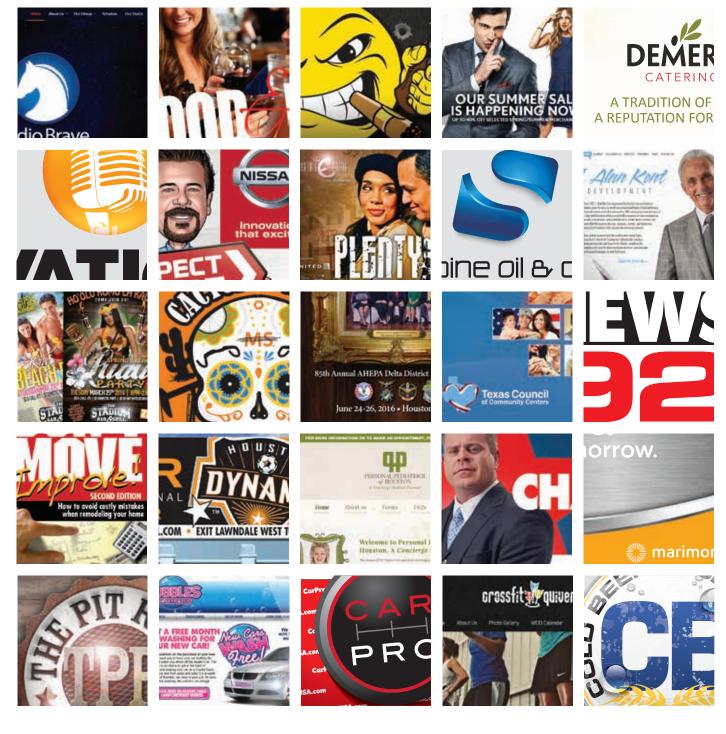
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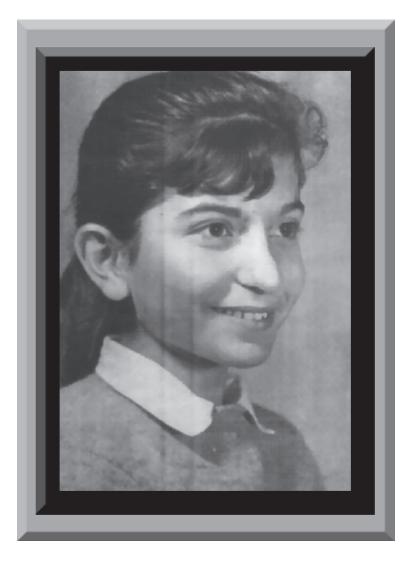
Christina, Michael, Alexis & Jimmy

I shall pass through this world just once. Therefore, there is any kindness I can show, Any good that I do, Let me do it now. Let me not defer or delay it. For I shall not pass this way again.

> IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVING MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER

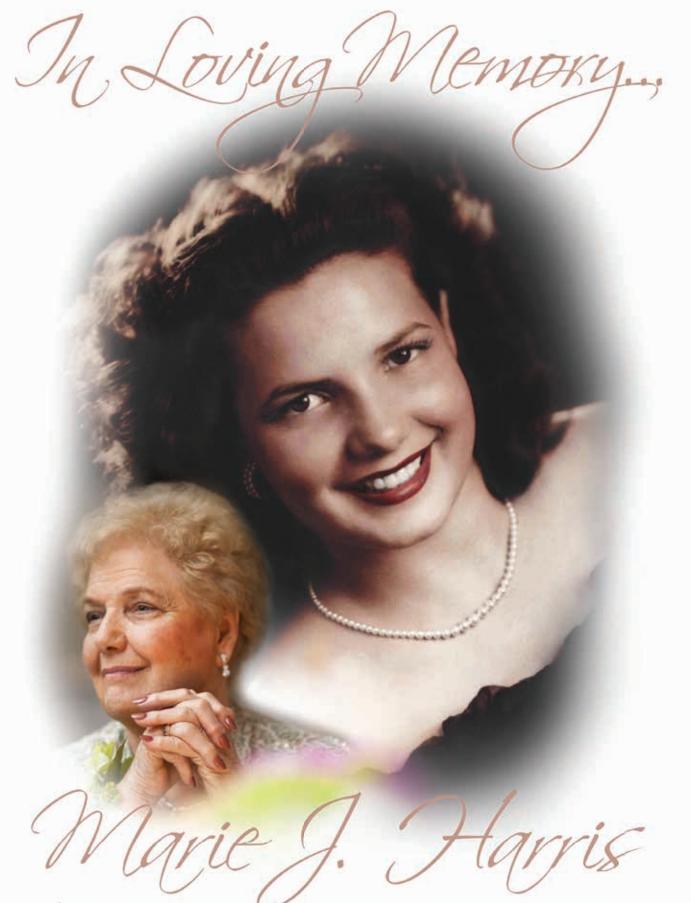
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# We míss you very much. Tony-Míchelle



SISTER, WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, DAUGHTER OF PENELOPE

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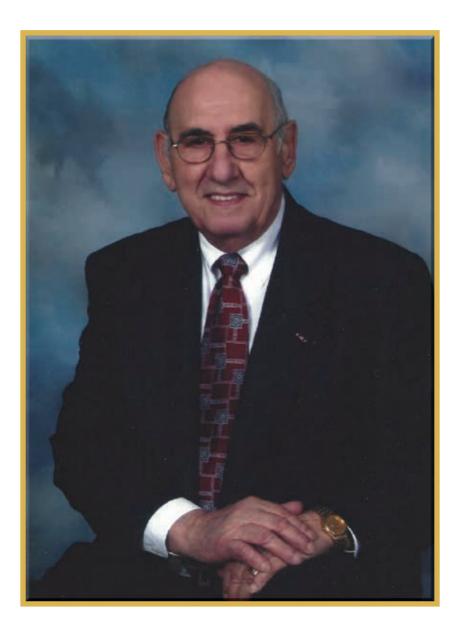
Your Son,

Jimmy G. Verges

Past District Warden, Past Chapter President

In Loving Memory

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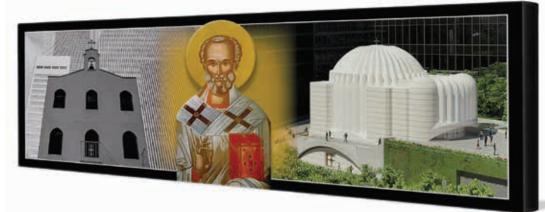


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AHEPA's Supreme Lodge has encouraged all chapters in the Order to donate a minimum of \$1,000 this year towards the completion of the St. Nicholas memorial at Ground Zero.

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WHY I RIDE FOR MS: I have made a commitment to participate in the BP MS 150, which is a 2-day, 150+ mile bike ride to help those living with a restrictive disability. As Steven Covey says, "Just as we develop our physical muscles through overcoming opposition – such as lifting weights – we develop our character muscles by overcoming challenges and adversity."

While the thought of training for and participating in such an event may be daunting to some, it in no way compares to the adversity my son Alexander has strived to overcome in his life. While parenting can be stressful, caring for a special needs child can be even more taxing, physically and financially. While we have worked to overcome struggles with insurance coverage and medication research studies, what I have learned is that there are joys and freedoms that you and I have, that others are denied. Even with that said, the amazing part is that this young man, my son, insists to live each day to its fullest and always has a smile on his face as he watches me cross the finish line. His nature is warm. inviting and motivating. It fuels my desire to do more for him and others that have been touched by multiple sclerosis, to help aid in research that can help stop MS in its tracks and restore some of the opportunities that have been lost.

This year marks my seventh year to participate and the most joyous memory I have is repeated time and again: Seeing my loving family at the finish line. Alexander has been there for six consecutive years, with a huge smile on his face when he sees me crossing the finish line. The love and admiration he has for me helps me to push through at my weakest moments during the event and in life. He has shown me that failing is not an option.

According to the 2013 audit for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, of every dollar donated, seventy-five cents of it is spent to fund MS Research, National Activities, Programs & Services, Community Programs, Public Education and Professional Education & Training. This effective use of our donations helps to minimize the struggles that my son Alexander faces with having a restrictive disability.

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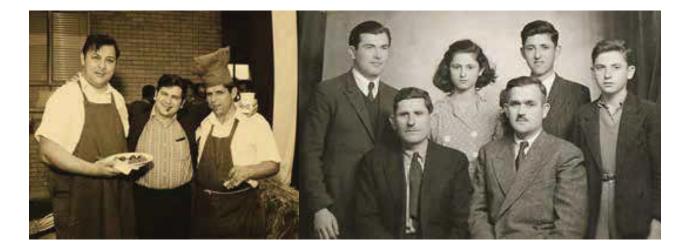


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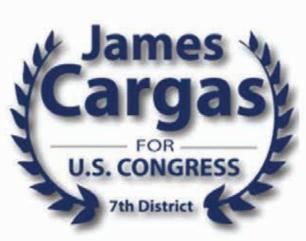
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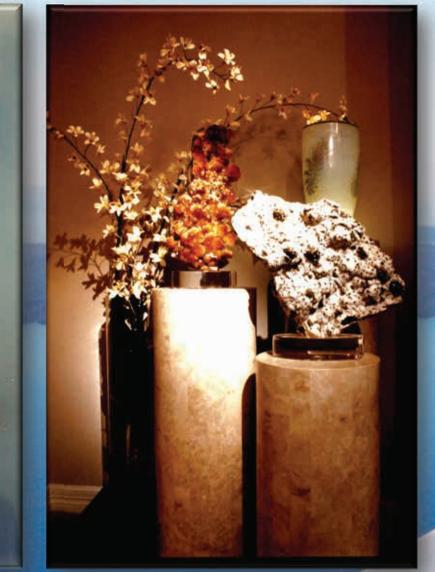
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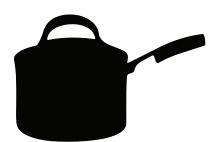
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> And these additional past Supreme and Grand Presidents from District 16 who could not attend, but sent their love and good wishes:



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