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78th Annual District 1 Convention Hosted by William Helis Chapter No. 310 - Mobile, Alabama

The 78th Annual District 1 Convention will be hosted by William Helis Chapter 310 in Mobile, Alabama May 31 - June 3. The theme this year is Mardi Gras! Registration begins on Thursday evening, May 31. The weekend wraps up on Sunday, June 3 with the Divine Liturgy at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

The convention will be held at the Riverview Plaza Hotel in downtown Mobile. Please call 1-866-749-6069 to make reservations if you have not already done so. Don't forget to refer to the AHEPA District Convention to get the group rate of \$104 per night, plus tax. This rate is only guaranteed through May 15.

In addition to the AHEPA/DOP business sessions set for Friday and Saturday, our brothers of the William Helis Chapter have planned several special events to make your weekend exciting and rewarding (see article on page 2).

Please feel free to contact Bernie Quinn (President, AHEPA 310) at 251-605-7434 or by e-mail at biquinn6@comcast.net.

AHEPA / DOP District 1 Housing Project

The brothers and sisters of AHEPA / DOP District 1 in association with the AHEPA National Housing Corporation broke ground for the latest housing project in Hoover, Alabama on Thursday, March 29, 2007. The construction site is located at 3308 Oakhill Drive in Hoover. Brother Chris Kapetanacos welcomed the guests and introduced Brother Nick Stratas, President, AHEPA National Housing Corp. as Master of Ceremonies. Father Paul Costopoulos offered the blessing. Speakers at this event included Ahepa District 1 Governor Alec Alexander, DOP District 1 Governor Irene Fotos, DOP Grand Vice President Karen Stamatiades and the Mayor of Hoover Tony Petelos. Among others, Past District Governors Stratton Frank, Jimmy Mitchell and Demetri Pagonis were in attendance for this event. Refreshments were served at the Lakehouse nearby following the ceremony.



PDG's Stratton Frank, Demetri Pagonis and Jimmy Mitchell at the groundbreaking ceremony in Hoover, AL.

District Convention Special Events:

Ticketed Events:

Friday, June 1, 6 - 10 p.m. Evening at the Exploreum

Private showing of the world-class exhibit "A Day in Pompeii," viewing of the film *Greece: Secrets of the Past* in IMAX Dome Theater, five exhibit/attractions including the Hands on Hall, Warf of Wonder, Minds on Hall and the Digital Journey Virtual Theater. Evening includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Cost is \$25 per person

Saturday, June 2, 6:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. A Touch of Mardi Gras

The annual convention banquet, dubbed *A TOUCH OF MARDI GRAS*, promises to be loads of fun with cocktails, a seated dinner, awards ceremony and dancing to the music of The Cool Rayz. Cost is \$35 per person

If you wish to order tickets to either of these events, you may do so now. Your check reflecting the desired number of tickets to each event should be made out to AHEPA 310 Convention and can be mailed directly to:
Bernie Quinn, 6416 Gaslight Lane North, Mobile, AL 36695

Your tickets will be in your convention packet and given to you upon your arrival and registration.

Freebies!

Friday, June 1, 2:00 p.m. Mobile Carnival Museum

Come explore the Mobile Carnival Museum featuring royal crowns, scepters and jeweled robes as long as regal hallways! Join the mystical Order of Joy in its secret den, climb aboard a rocking float and throw beads to the cheering crowd as we celebrate Mobile, birthplace of Carnival - American Style!

Saturday, June 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A Day at the Beach

Bring swimsuits, towels and sunscreen and have the young'uns hop aboard the AHEPA Express for a chaperoned day at the Gulf. Beverages and lunch provided. Chartered bus departs directly from the hotel. Grown-ups are welcome to come along and relax, work on a tan, or take part in the beach volleyball competition!

** It would be especially helpful to our brothers in Mobile to know how many out of town youth & adults are planning to join us for some fun in the sun. If you are interested in taking part in this outing or if you have any special needs, please contact trip coordinator Dale Greenstein on his cell phone at 251-454-2479 or e-mail Dale at rumriki@aol.com.

Those of you who may be interested in a golf or casino outings should call Jimmy Pafudakis at 251-786-4736 for further information. For information on museums, outdoor hands-on art exhibits, airboat rides and more, click on mobile.org.

85th Annual Supreme Convention

July 9-15, 2007

Adams Mark Hotel
1550 Court Place
Denver, CO 80202

(303) 893-3333 / 800-444 ADAM (2326)

Special AHEPA rate \$159 per night, good until June 26th

For more information, click on ahepa.org

Supreme Convention

Delegate/ Alternate Reporting Forms

Recently, Delegate/ Alternate reporting forms were mailed to all chapter secretaries. Please note that all chapters must report delegates and alternates for the convention by June 1st. Chapter secretaries are asked to be sure the forms are filled out correctly with the information requested. The form indicates what your chapter voting strength is based on your December 31, 2006 membership total. The forms can be e-mailed, faxed or sent registered return receipt.

Please note the deadline is
JUNE 1, 2007 at midnight!

District 1 Mid-Winter Conference

Spartanburg Chapter 268, Spartanburg, South Carolina, hosted the Mid-Winter Conference February 9th-10th at the Marriott. The conference was well represented with chapters from District 1. Many matters of interest were discussed in the AHEPA spirit, including scholarship recipients for the 2007-2008 school year (please see the article on page 7 for details).

On Saturday night the delegates enjoyed a Greek Night at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. Over 400 guests from the convention and the community enjoyed a seated dinner with entertainment provided by the Trivelas Band. The food and entertainment were excellent, as there was dancing and participation from a number of young people from the area. Congratulations to Greek Night Chairman John Polydorou (chapter president) and Co-Chairman Glenn Miller (chapter secretary).

Mid Winter Basketball Tournaments

This year's tournaments lived up to expectations with many competitive games in both the Men's and "D2" divisions. The Men's division was won by Atlanta Ahepa Chapter #1, who captured their second straight 1st place finish by defeating Greenville in the championship game.

We look forward to more great competition at the invitational tournament (open to all Districts) hosted by District 1 in Atlanta, GA as part of the Labor Day Weekend festivities.



Members of the Atlanta Chapter #1 basketball team celebrate a first place win in the mid-winter tournament



Members of the Greenville D2 Championship Basketball Team with Coach Jimmy Georgiades after their victory in Spartanburg.

Greenville Captures District 1 Junior Division Championship

Becoming the Junior Division (D2) Champs at the tournament in Spartanburg was a hard fought battle for Greenville. The young men of Greenville had to overcome Atlanta and then Spartanburg, who had previously knocked out Marietta. Suffering a loss in the final minutes of a semi-final game, Greenville was to face Atlanta the next day for the Championship. What a game that turned out to be! Greenville got behind early, but fought back to within six points by half-time. As play continued into the fourth quarter, Greenville inched up until the sound of the buzzer left the game in a tie. A repeat of the fourth quarter led the game into double overtime with Greenville pulling out for the win! Each member of Greenville team played a unique and critical role in this exciting and well earned victory. Team members are Chris Georgiades, Mike Madeckas, Alex Taylor, Stephen Georgiades, Chris Poulas, Jimmy Pistoris and James Garilas. Coach: Jimmy Georgiades.

District One Chapter News

Chapter #242, Greenville, S.C.

Congratulations to Chris Kapetanakos! At the Ahepa District 1 Convention in Memphis this past June, Chris was awarded the distinguished Periclean Award. The Periclean Award is the highest award a district can bestow on any member.

The award reads: 2006 Periclean Award presented to Chris Kapetanakos with grateful appreciation for and in recognition of the many years of distinguished service to the Order of Ahepa, the Ahepa Family and its members at the Chapter and District levels; his dedication to and advancement of the valued principles of Hellenic ideals; and his service and commitment to his faith and church and the Greenville Greek Community.



District Governor Alec Alexander presenting the Periclean Award to Chris Kapetanakos

In other news, the AHEPA / HUD 202 housing project for the elderly is in the process of being built. Recently, the second and third stories have been added to the building. The completion date is scheduled for late September of 2007. The Board of Directors of the AHEPA 242, Inc. are: Chris Kapetanakos - President; Tikie Christophillis - Vice President / Secretary; Charlie Howard - Treasurer; Demetri Pappas and Nick Theodore.

Mother Lodge Chapter #1, Atlanta, GA

In the last few months, the Mother Lodge Chapter #1 in Atlanta has . . . Worked with the Empty Stocking Fund to help collect money for this important Christmas charity . . . Cooked Christmas dinner for the residents of AHEPA One . . . Planned and cooked two nights of dinner for 700 youths participating in the Diocese Winter Youth Rally, raising more than \$6,500 for the chapter charity fund . . . Supported the Lykion ton Ellidon (Atlanta's dance troupe) by committing \$700 to offset costs for their annual trip to the national dance competition . . . Supported the Annunciation Cathedral in fundraising through a charity raffle . . . Taken first place in the men's basketball tournament at the Mid-Winter Conference. Whew! We look forward to seeing all of our brothers at the District Convention in June.

Please send us your chapter information including election results, fundraisers, community involvement . . . anything you'd like to share with the Brothers and Sisters of District One.

Information can be e-mailed to Demetri and Penelope at district1gnosis@bellsouth.net. Please use Word or Adobe format. If you would like, you can mail articles to:

Demetri and Penelope Pagonis
5014 Marc Drive
Nashville, TN 37211

Any pictures you would like published can be e-mailed or sent via regular mail to the above address. Pictures that are mailed to our home CANNOT BE RETURNED.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please submit your information by January 1st.