



## *Daughters of Penelope*

### *Citrus District 2*

September 1, 2023

Sisters,

A new year with some new officers and some unexpected officers!

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Daughters of Penelope and Ahepa District Lodges for a successful year and a very successful Convention.

Ann Pirello, Daughters District Governor and Gerry Galovic, Ahepa District Governor with their Lodges and committees worked tirelessly to ensure a productive enjoyable weekend at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. Bravo!!

Next year's hosts, Daughters Chapter, Pelion #189 and Ahepa Orlando #161 are already hard at work planning next year's convention in Orlando June 6-8. More news will come in the beginning of the year. So, mark your calendars.

Okay, let's get the unexpected surprise of this year's convention out of the way. Me, as your new District Governor!!! As heard in a movie, "Just when you think you are out, they pull you back in"! However, I can't express enough how honored I am to be your District Governor once again.

You may have noticed a new Marshal listed, on August 22, 2023, Nina Pazo submitted her resignation to me due to personal reasons. Upon meeting with the District Lodge, we are appointing Maria Balasis-Zahn as this year's District Marshal. Thank you, Maria! I am looking forward to working together, as a team, with Iliyana, Stella, Diana, Maria, Rano and Ann.

As promised this year's District 2 Team will also include all Past District Governors, who will share their **strengths** and **knowledge** with our new Lodge Officers. I am also asking that each PDG be a support system when our Lodge members attend a chapter meeting.

Speaking of Past District Governors, Congratulations to Patty Didik on her second term as Grand Governor Zone II and Efthyhia Kirkiles second term as Grand Maids of Athena Advisor. You both continue to make our District 2 proud!

I am proud to report that Iliyana, Stella and Diana will be attending the District Governors Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, September 22-23. to experience firsthand what other Districts are doing and exchange ideas. Their commitment to our District is what will continue to make District 2 Successful!

Our own Patty Didik, GGII and Efthyhia Kirkiles, GMOAA will also be in attendance to help guide them.

I look forward to their report and will have it included in our October newsletter.

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I hope you have all noticed that Ahepa District Secretary Christian Chicles has graciously offered to include all District 2 Daughters with emails, in the Ahepa bi-monthly newsletter. He is also including any events that we would like to promote. So please, forward me your event flyers and dates so they can be added not only to the Daughters calendar but to the Ahepa newsletter.

As District communication is key, Eftyhia Kirkiles, GMOAA, who is the webmaster of the Daughters website ([dopd2.com](http://dopd2.com)) is also hard at work keeping your events updated. Please take a minute to see what the other Chapters are doing in the District and be sure to send me any and all information and I will pass it on so it can be placed on our website.

Speaking of events, this year the District Lodge is bringing back an event as our fundraiser that has been very successful in the past. You have received the "Save the Date" for a **Walk Down Memory Lane** to be held **Saturday, December 2, 2023**, at the Seven Springs Golf and Resort in New Port Richey. We are working on finalizing details and will be sending all further information within the month.

My year has already begun. The first trip of the year was to Pelias #186 Clearwater with District Treasurer Diana Psetas to install this years Chapter Officers. As always, the hospitality is always on point and the unity of the Chapter with their Ahepa Brothers really exemplifies the meaning of "Ahepa Family". Congratulations!

Looking forward to a year of growth and excitement for all Chapters and Members! Till next month...

As always with Love,

In Theta Pi,

*Connie*

Connie Pilallis, PGP  
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"To achieve great things, we must first dream"

## Clearwater Pelias #186 Installation

