



Newsletter

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Sisters,

Citrus District 2 2024-2025 District Lodge has worked hard to set a great foundation for a successful year! We have collaborated to generate new ideas and start their immediate implementation.

We created an Advisory Board that supports our District Lodge. Our goal was to combine knowledge, experience, and fresh new ideas to ensure supporting our Chapters across the East and West Coast. Sisters representing our Advisory Board have tremendous experience and are extremely proud to continue to give their time and dedication to our Citrus District 2.

Members of our Advisory Board are Connie Pilallis, PGP & PDG; Marie Kyriacou, PDG and Joanne Sackedis, PGG & PDG.

Thank you, Sisters, for assuring that our District Lodge receives the best mentorship and guidance!

Our Citrus District 2 has the utmost support of our District Liaison Efthyhia "Effie" Kirkiles. Thank you, Sister, for leading us always in the right direction!

Now is the time to mention our planned initiatives for the year. To begin we decided to have this year a Workshop available to all Sisters across the West and East Coast. All Chapter Officers, Future Leaders, and all Members interested in learning about our Mission Statement are welcome to attend! Initially planned in-person Workshop 2024 in Daytona had to be rescheduled via Zoom due to the Catastrophic Impact of Hurricane Helene.

Sisters, Save the Date for **Saturday, November 2nd via Zoom AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope Citrus District 2 2024 Workshop**. We promise to be informative, concise, and interactive! Our goal is to be able to provide you with the knowledge you can take back to your Chapters about Our Vision and Beyond.

Among the topics are Growth and Expansion, Website, Social Media, and Back to Basics. Our Speakers are members of the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge: Grand Vice President Antoinette M. Zachariades of Brick, NJ; Grand Treasurer Patty Didik of Hudson, FL; Grand Governor Zone II Effie Kirkiles of Oakland Park, FL. AHEPA Speakers will be represented by Supreme Lodge Members: Chris Kaitson, Supreme Vice President, and Demetrios Kirkiles, Supreme Legal Counsel.

Stay tuned for further details and communicate them with your Sisters! This could be a great opportunity to get together, and possibly organize a fellowship together while attending the Zoom Workshop in November!

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Further, we plan to issue the Citrus District Newsletter every month from October onwards. We have launched the column "Daughter of the Month" led by our District Lt. Governor Stella Stringer. We are very excited to be able to highlight and recognize each month the accomplishments of our Sisters across our Citrus District 2! Expect the November Newsletter to add news from East, West Coast, and Orlando we haven't forgotten about you! Our District Lodge Sisters in the respective areas will be communicating with you every month to make sure that we as a District keep in touch with you and recognize each Chapter for their initiatives, fundraiser efforts, and need for additional support.

I am proud to report that Stella, Diana, and Rano attended the District Governors Leadership Conference in DC, September 21-22, 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! Thank you, Sisters, for your commitment and dedication to our District Lodge!



Personally, my year as District Governor started with the exciting news of establishing Maids of Athena Chapter "Sunshine 200" in West Palm Beach led by our District Advisor of the Maids Rano Bellas. I was honored to attend in person the reinstatement of this Maids of Athena Chapter. Twelve girls were initiated with assistance from our Grand Lodge Maids of Athena members. Bravo Sisters!



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The Daughters of Penelope Leda Chapter 59 opened the season with their first meeting on Tuesday, September 10th. Instead of a formal meeting, they partnered with the AHEPA brothers of Chapter 18 and the newly formed establishing Maids of Athena Chapter "Sunshine 200" to hold a Dinner Social at "Agora Kitchen" in West Palm Beach where the chapters inducted their newly elected Executive Boards. I had the honor of inducting Antigoni Panagoulas – President, Nikolitsa Mareska - Secretary and Rano Bellas – Treasurer. Also present were honored guests: Connie Pillalis, PGP, PDG, Marie Kyriakou, Past District Governor, Effie Kirkiles, Grand Governor Zone II, Dimitri Kirkiles, Supreme Legal Counsel.



Our year has just begun! Looking forward to a year of growth and excitement for all Chapters and Members!

I look forward to connecting with you on every level! Our District Lodge officers will be here for you every step of the way!

“To achieve great things, we must first dream”

As always with Love,
In theta Pi,
Iliyana Simeonova Boyce
District 2 Governor

DAUGHTER OF THE MONTH

BY DISTRICT LT. GOVERNOR: STELLA STRINGER

CINDY KLADAKIS – ALCMAEON #167, TAMPA
DOLLY VATIKIOTIS – PERIBOEA #62, TARPON SPRINGS

Cindy Kladakis

Why Cindy? “She has been tirelessly maintaining the office of Secretary for a few years now. She is always willing to help and does it with grace and a smile!”

Cindy is kind, patient, loving, caring, empathetic, giving, full of energy, and always looks for the good in others or to help elevate the spirit. There is no end to what Cindy will do for our sisterhood.



DAUGHTER OF THE MONTH

BY DISTRICT LT. GOVERNOR: STELLA STRINGER

Dolly Vatikiotis

Why Dolly? The Tarpon Spring's Women's Club is excited because our US Navy Veteran Dolly Vatikiotis is Honored as one of the Veterans on "Honor Flight Mission 51". She is a Retired Commander with 20 years of service to our Country.

Received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Sharp Shooter Award. Dolly was also personnel and support to 9 Admirals.



MAIDS OF ATHENA

BY DISTRICT ADVISOR TO MAIDS: RANO BELLAS

Exciting news!

On September 16, 1973, a Maids of Athena Chapter "Sunshine 200" was established in West Palm Beach. Exactly 51 years later our West Palm Beach Daughters of Penelope Leda Chapter 59 sponsored a reinstatement of this Maids of Athena Chapter.

Twelve girls were initiated with assistance from our Grand Lodge Maids of Athena members.

We look forward to a productive new beginning mentoring these young sisters.

REACTIVATION



Sunshine #75

CHAPTER EVENTS

Sept 21-St Petersburg-Music Bingo [Music Bingo Flyer](#)

Oct 13-AHEPA Family of Clearwater-Scholarship Golf Tournament

Oct 26-West Palm Beach-Casino Night [AHEPA 18 Casino Night](#)

Nov 16- Ft Lauderdale Narcissus 289 Fashion Show-[flyer](#)

Dec 22-Clearwater-AHEPA Family Christmas Dinner Dance-Safety Harbor

Dec 31-West Palm Beach-NYE Dance

Jan 5-6 Epiphany Weekend events

Mar 1-Clearwater Fashion Show -Save the date

Mar 9- West Palm Beach Fashion Show -Save the date

Mar 23-Greek Independence Day Parade Tarpon Springs

October 19th Tampa Alzheimer's Walk [Link to Page](#)

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=884419&pg=team&fr_id=17531

Registration is easy; visit my Walk to End Alzheimer's page to join us. If you cannot participate, please consider donating to my fundraising efforts. Every dollar you donate helps the Alzheimer's Association® provide care and support to all those facing Alzheimer's and all other dementia, and advance critical research.

If you can walk with us, join us on October 19th at 8:00 AM at Amalie Arena. It's a great way to enjoy this great event and feel good about your efforts to find a cure for this disease!

CHAPTER EVENTS

Greek Festival Dates:

Oct 11-12-St Augustine Greek Festival-[click here for additional information](#)

Oct 18-20-Lecanto -Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Greek Festival-[link](#)

Oct 19-21-Mary Esther-Saints Markella and Demetrios Greek Festival

Oct 25-27-Clearwater-Holy Trinity Greek Festival-[flyer](#)

Nov 1-3 Orlando- Holy Trinity Greek Festival- [link](#)

Nov 1-3 New Port Richey St George Fall Festival-[flyer](#)

Nov 7-10 Daytona Beach-St Demetrios Greek Festival [link](#)

Nov 8-10 Jacksonville-St John the Divine-Greek Festival-[link](#)

CITRUS DISTRICT 2 WORKSHOP 2024 SAVE THE DATE VIA ZOOM

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Daughters of Penelope
And AHEPA
District 2

2024 Workshop

Via Zoom

Saturday, November 2nd

10:00 am - 1 pm