



Newsletter

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

Our District 2 Lodge Members would like to express our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year filled with Love, Laughter, and unforgettable moments!

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued commitment and support of each District member. We share a common vision to support and empower each other through strong collaboration and working together always in the spirit of Sisterhood.

Speaking about true examples of Sisterhood and achieving big goals through our combined strength and mutual support we cannot be prouder of the chartering of the Newest Chapter in District 2 – DOP Aetolia #466 in Sarasota.

Daughters of Penelope Newest Chapter 466 Aetolia in Sarasota – Historical Chartering of a DOP Chapter for District 2

First, our District 2 Lodge Members would like to express their biggest gratitude to the newly elected President of Aetolia #466 Isa Velez who brought together so many new Sisters and started a New Chapter. With the tremendous support of all the District 2 Lodge Members, the Advisory Board, and our District Liaison Efthyhia “Effie” Kirkiles, Patty Didik, Grand Treasurer, Grand Vice President Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, Liaison to all Districts, Membership/Growth, and Expansion, and the Grand President, Margaret Dritsas we initiated 35 Daughters, 5 Transfers and 2 reinstatements.

It was a true honor for me as a District Governor to lead their first meeting and be able to experience such a once-in-a-lifetime event!

Special Guest was Bill Paul, AHEPA District 2 Governor. Thank you for being part of such a historical moment for our District!

Big Thank you to the Grand Vice President Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades, Liaison to all Districts, Membership/Growth, and Expansion who put tremendous effort into helping organize the initiation of all Sisters and especially the newly elected Executive Board led by their President Isa Velez.

Special Thank you to our Grand President, Margaret Dritsas for presenting the oath to the New Board and being part of the history of District 2!

We look forward to supporting our new Sisters and providing them with the best training and knowledge to make us proud! Our Grand Vice President Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades leads DOP Academy which is especially beneficial for New Members as they learn detail information for our Sisterhood and our new Sisters for the Sarasota Chapter will be able to join that training.

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Introducing our District 2 Fundraiser – 50/50 Raffle - \$5 for 20

Our District 2 Lodge Members would like to introduce to all Chapters our District Fundraiser for this year. Our fundraiser will run until the District Convention next year.

We decided to have a 50/50 Raffle, \$5 for 20 and the drawing will take place next year at the District Convention in West Palm Beach!

Our District Lodge Members will be providing the tickets for sale during their chapter visitations and as well will be mailed to chapter Presidents!

We will truly appreciate your support, considering that will be our fundraiser for the year!

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East Coast Visitation of our Grand President Margaret Dritsas on Friday, Jan 3, 2025

We are very excited to announce that our Grand President Margaret Dritsas will be visiting the East Coast on Friday, Jan 3, 2025.

Please consider attending and RSVP. It will be a wonderful event, and we are very excited to meet and greet our Grand President!



Grand President Margaret Dritsas
MARGARET DRITSAS

East Coast Visitation

FRIDAY 01/03/2025
6:30 PM
\$30 PER PERSON

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

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Save the Date, District Convention West Palm Beach, June 6-8, 2025



CITRUS DISTRICT

District Convention

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West Palm Beach
June 6 - 8, 2025

Proudly Hosted by: AHEPA Chapter 18 & Daughters of Penelope Leda 59

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Thank you to our District Lt. Governor Stella Stringer's column "Daughter of the Month," which highlights and recognizes the accomplishments of our Sisters across Citrus District 2 each month! Read in our December Newsletter the newly highlighted Sister! She truly deserves the recognition she has received! Below you can read in further detail and celebrate her accomplishments. Bravo Sister!

Don't miss reading the Maids of Athena District Advisor, Rano Bellas, and her Warm Holiday Greetings and Wishes!

Looking back in November

Looking Back in November – Our District Lodge was well-represented at the Daughters of Penelope (DOP) Narcissus Chapter 289 Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon held on November 16 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Deerfield Beach.

Special guests from the DOP Grand Lodge were former Past Grand President Connie Pilallis and Grand Governor of Zone 2 Eftyhia Kirkiles. The District 2 Lodge was well represented by Past District Governors Alice Asparas, Penny Karantonis, and Maria Kyriaku, District Governor Iliyana Simeonova-Boyce, District Lieutenant Governor Stella Stringer, and District Treasurer Maria Balasis-Zahn.



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Membership and Chapter Dues

We would like to Thank you to all the Chapters that diligently have paid their chapter dues and encourage the once a little behind to push to collect 2024 Per Capita! If you need support, we are here to help and will do our best to reach out!

Our District Lodge Sisters in the respective areas have been communicating with you 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. Please always reach out to us if you need our support or if we have missed showing or highlighted any of your Chapter accomplishments. We want to celebrate with you and be as close as possible to you and your Chapter members!

Again, from the entire District Lodge, we wish you a happy holiday season filled with joy and laughter and an even more successful New Year!

“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

DEBBIE FREAD – CASSANDRA #372, BOCA RATON

Debbie Fread

Why Debbie?

Debbie has been a member of our chapter since 2011. She is involved in multiple organizations and is always the first to volunteer to help the Daughters in any cause. Debbie is full of energy and inspiring to others. She has headed up the JOY group and vacation Bible Study camp, was President of Philoptochos, was a festival leader, and is a Book Club member. Debbie is passionate about helping others and is a great asset to our chapter and community.



WEST COAST NEWS

**BY DISTRICT SECRETARY: DIANA PSETAS
AND DISTRICT ADVISOR: ANN PIRRELLO**

Aeneas #210

St. Petersburg

AHEPA #15 & Daughters of Penelope Aeneas #210 celebrated Veteran's Day on November 10th at St. Stefanos with the procession of the flags and Doxology at the flag plaza, followed by brunch with a free-will donation for the needy disabled veterans. Donations collected were \$2,000. We were able to donate on December 14th many gift cards to the Bay Pines Hospital in St. Petersburg.

By Nicky Stamoulis, PGP



MAIDS OF ATHENA

BY DISTRICT ADVISOR TO MAIDS: RANO BELLAS

Holiday Greeting

Dear Sisters,

The District 2 Maids of Athena wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We are looking to "Grow Together in 2025!"

CHAPTER EVENTS

Dec 31-West Palm Beach-NYE Dance [Flyer](#)

Jan 4-Innsbrook Golf Tournament [2025-SNGOC-AHEPA-GolfBrochureFINAL](#)

Jan 5-6 Epiphany Weekend events - [Epiphany flyer](#); [Epiphany submission form](#)

Mar 1-Clearwater Fashion Show -[Flyer](#)

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

Mar 23-Greek Independence Day Parade Tarpon Springs

GREEK FESTIVAL DATES

Jan 25-28 Boca Raton Greek Festival [link](#)

Jan 30-Feb 2 Fort Lauderdale Greek Festival [link](#)

Feb 14-16 West Palm Beach Greek Festival

Feb 21-23 Fort Myers Greek Festival [link](#)

Feb 21-23 Fort Pierce Greek Festival [link](#)

Feb 21-23 Melbourne Greek Festival [link](#)