



# Newsletter

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# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

In the spirit of Sisterhood, Empowerment, and Unity, our District 2 Lodge Members truly recognize that our strength comes from each other, from the support we offer, uplift, inspire, and lead!

## **East Coast Visitation of our Grand President Margaret Dritsas**

With that being said, we were honored to have our Grand President Margaret Dritsas visiting the East Coast Chapters at the beginning of January in Taverna Kyma. We would like to express our biggest appreciation to the Grand Governor of Zone 2 Eftyhia Kirkiles who supported and organized the Grand President visitation. All Sisters who were present from the East Coast Chapters were truly touched and felt the meaning of empowerment, not just words, but actions.





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## District Lodge Chapter Visitations

We started this year with our District Lodge chapter visitations, which focused on Sisterhood, Love, and Unity.

### Narcissus #289, Fort Lauderdale

We would like to express our gratitude for the warm welcome we received from our Fort Lauderdale Sisters and Narcissus #289. Our District Lodge members led their initiations. Below you can read in their words.



#### Daughters of Penelope: Narcissus 289 Fort Lauderdale

January 9 · 🌐

Welcome Sisters Madelene, Irena, and Marianne! We're so happy you chose to join our Chapter! Thank you to our **Daughters of Penelope D2 Citrus** guests, District Governor Iliyana Simeonova-Boyce, District Lieutenant Governor Stella Stringer, District Treasurer Maria Balasis-Zahn, District Marshal **Anna Babiolakis**, and District Advisor to the **Maids of Athena** Rano Bellas! We had a wonderful night and look forward to exciting events throughout the spring with our AHEPA Brothers! Stay tuned for more information!



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## Leda #59, West Palm Beach

Our next visit was to the West Palm Beach Sisters who made us part of their inspiring meeting. We were able to share with them recent District news and the power of membership by our District Lt. Governor Stella Stringer. We have a common vision to support and empower each other through strong collaboration and working together always in the spirit of Sisterhood.



### **Our District 2 Fundraiser – 50/50 Raffle - \$5 for 20**

Our District 2 Lodge Members have already started introducing 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 have been 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!



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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



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 February 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 recent updates!

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## AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope Scholarship Dinner 2025

Ahepa and Daughters of Penelope District 2 Governors, Bill Paul and Iliyana Simeonova Boyce with Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta attended the Boca Raton Ahepa / Daughters Scholarship Dinner Dance.



“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

**Alice Aspras – NARCISSUS #289, FT. LAUDERDALE**

**Alice Aspras**

**Why Alice?**

Sister Alice is one of the most energetic and dedicated members of the Narcissus 289 Chapter. She is also very dedicated to our Citrus District 2 and the National Daughters of Penelope. Alice truly embodies everything that makes the DOP so great. She is extremely proud of her Greek heritage, a proponent of education, has assisted many philanthropic efforts near and far, is a model of civic responsibility, a true matriarch to her family, has the highest level of integrity, and her individual excellence is something we should all aspire to!





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BY DISTRICT LT. GOVERNOR: STELLA STRINGER

MARY MANTZARIS – PELION #189, ORLANDO

**Mary Mantzaris**

**Why Mary?**

She has served many capacities with the chapter, her most long running as secretary for years!!!! Still taking notes in shorthand. She loves to attend our conventions and is always the "life of the party". Mary is also active in many facets of her beloved Church, Holy Trinity of Orlando. She has served on our Parish Council, Philoptochos and founded The Society of Wisdom, our senior organization. We all strive for her energy, enthusiasm, dedication, and love of her family, church family, and her DOP Sisters.





# MAIDS OF ATHENA

## BY DISTRICT ADVISOR TO MAIDS: RANO BELLAS

### Greeks in Tampa Bay.

Dear Sisters,

On January 17-19, Maids of Athena and Sons of Pericles had their fourth annual beach volleyball tournament in Tampa. It was a huge success.

Kudos to everyone who participated in this event.



# CHAPTER EVENTS

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

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Mar 9- West Palm Beach Fashion Show -[Flyer](#)

Mar 10- Blingo-Tarpon Springs

Mar 23-Greek Independence Day Parade Tarpon Springs

April- 26 Clearwater-Tour of The Tampa Museum of Art Antiquities Collection  
[Flyer](#)

# GREEK FESTIVAL DATES

Feb 28 – Mar 2 Miami Greek Festival St Sophia [link](#)