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Dear Valued Sister:

Thank you for assuming the leadership position of President of your Chapter. Please share this newsletter with all Sisters.

District Convention News

June 17-19 was a gorgeous weekend at Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center in College Corner, OH, the site of the Buckeye District #11 Convention. Thank you to our Middletown, Ohio Sisters and Brothers for hosting the convention at this unique state park location.

Some highlights from the Convention include:

- Election of the new 2016-2017 Lodge officers (see list on left). Congratulations! Thank you to the outgoing 2015-2016 Lodge officers for your dedication to the Buckeye District.
- Election of Buckeye Scholarship Foundation Trustees Tina Poulos Kasidonis, PDG, Calypso #13, Cincinnati, OH and Marian Capranica, Dodona #24, Toledo. Congratulations! They join Diane Briggs, Polydama #111, Dayton, OH as the three DOP Trustees of the 11-member Foundation. The Buckeye Scholarship Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) dedicated to administering academic scholarships to our youth. In 2015 the Convention voted to pledge a new scholarship named DOP Buckeye District #11 Scholarship.
- Congratulations to Kathryn Tripodis, PGG, PDG, Erinys #355, N. Royalton, OH on her District selection for Penelope of the Year.
- Congratulations to all the recipients of the Chapter and Individual Awards presented by DG Charrie Regopoulos (see list on page 2).
- Learn about the new mandatory District Project on page 2.

Supreme Convention News

Seven brave DOP delegates from the Buckeye District survived the heat at the Supreme Convention July 25-29 in Las Vegas, NV! Some highlights from the Convention include meeting our Sisters from Canada, Greece and Australia as well as:

- Projects: see page 2 for the list of National Projects.
- Buckeye Party: Thank you to Charrie and Nick Regopoulos and Cynthia and Carl Hollister for organizing and hosting, respectively, this reception held prior to Greek Night.
- Congratulations to Tria Charnas, the new MOA Grand President! Tria is a dual member of DOP Erinys #355, N. Royalton and an outstanding example of the MOA talent from District #11.

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DG AWARDS

Outstanding Chapter

Erinys #355, N. Royalton, OH

Outstanding PresidentVoula Zois, PDG
Polydama #111, Dayton, OH**Most New Members**

Chloris #40, Canton, OH

Most Reinstated Members

Chloris #40, Canton, OH

Most Philanthropic

Calypso #13, Cincinnati, OH

Most Civically Involved

Icarus #321, Lakewood, OH

Most Creative Idea

Dodona #24, Toledo, OH

Best DOP-AHEPA Relations

Calypso #13, Cincinnati, OH

Best DOP-MOA Relations

Polydama #111, Dayton, OH

Best DOP-AHEPA Relations

Calypso #13, Cincinnati, OH

Most Program ActivityPallas Athene #276
Weirton, WV**Most Supportive Chapter**Chryssa #100
Middletown, OH**Daughter of the Year**Niki Kalantzis
Chloris #40, Canton, OH

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GRAND VP AWARDS

Initiating 10+ Members

Erinys #355, N. Royalton, OH

Reinstating 10+ Members

Chloris #40, Canton, OH

Projects News

We have exciting news of the Projects selected at our District and National Conventions. These Projects are non-profits the Daughters of Penelope collectively support financially and through educational outreach. You will learn more about these Projects at the District Workshop on September 24, 2016.

District Projects (Mandatory 2016-2018): In addition to the Buckeye Scholarship Foundation and the Maids of Athena as permanent obligations, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (www.nami.org) was selected at the District Convention as a mandatory project for the next two (2) years.

National Projects (Mandatory 2016-2017):

- Penelope House (Domestic Family Violence Ctr in Mobile, AL)
- Penelope's Place (Domestic Violence Shelter in Brockton, MA)
- Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation (chronic autoimmune disease)

National Projects (Voluntary 2016-2017):

- Penelopean Day Care Ctr (infant day care in Athens, Greece)
- Limbitless Solutions (bionic limbs for disabled children)
- Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. (scholarships & more)
- Melissa Orphanage (for abused girls in Thessaloniki, Greece)

Membership News

WE'RE #1! Yes, you read that correctly. Your hard work paid off. You made D-11 the largest district in the DOP realm. We closed 2015 at 573 members strong over our 15 active Chapters. The next closest was D-5 (NJ & DE) with 540.

Congratulations to the Canton and N. Royalton Chapters who received District and National recognition for their membership accomplishments (see awards list on left and photo below). Way to go Sisters and celebrate your success!

Niki Kalantzis and Kathryn Tripodis accepted the Grand Vice President's Growth & Expansion Awards at the Supreme Convention for Canton and N. Royalton, respectively.



District Workshop News

SAVE THE DATE: The District Workshop will be September 24, 2016 from noon to 3:00 pm at the AHEPA 118 Apartments, 1865 W. Alexis Rd., Toledo, OH 43613. Lunch will be provided.

Who Should Attend? DOP and MOA Chapter Presidents and Secretaries, or their designees, along with DOP and MOA D-11 Lodges. Others interested in leadership roles in their Chapters are also encouraged to attend.

What Is the Agenda? Following lunch together, during this Workshop you will meet your District Lodge and learn up-to-date information from National HQ and the District Convention that will help your Chapter operate as efficiently and productively as possible on topics such as the District Projects, National Projects, Membership, DOP-MOA Relations, Fundraising, Websites and Social Media. You will also learn about the required District and National forms, the importance of their deadlines and the required manner for transmitting them. Through workshop interactions, you will learn useful tips and suggestions to make your Chapter as successful as possible. We will also review the District Calendar and finalize Lodge Visitation schedules and clarify gifts made at these Visitations.

Why Attend? By the time of the Workshop, some Chapters will have already begun their business meetings, while other Chapters have not. Either way, the District Workshop is a stimulating event where attendees will leave well prepared for the 2016-2017 year.

Join us in Toledo for a fun and informative afternoon in Toledo, where Dodona #24's hospitality is legendary!

In Memoriam 2015-2016

On June 18, 2016 the District Lodge honored the memory of the deceased Sisters of Buckeye District #11 from the past year in recognition of their time and self for the betterment and advancement of the Daughters of Penelope. These Sisters were also honored at the Supreme Convention on July 25, 2016 in Las Vegas. MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL.

Ethel Apesos, Pallas Athene #276, Weirton, WV

Maryanne Bayes, Icarus #321, Lakewood, OH

Caryn L. Cherpas, Lefkothea #63, Cleveland, OH

Helen Diamant, Chloris #40, Canton, OH

Sophia Guethlein, Calypso #13, Cincinnati, OH

Sophie Nestor, Chrysa #100, Middletown, OH

Elizabeth Shook, Chloris #40, Canton, OH

Anna Topougis, PGP, PDG, Themis #28, Akron, OH



Buckeye Party at the Supreme Convention in the Mirage Resort, Las Vegas. (L-R) Cynthia Hollister, PDG; Charrie Regopoulos, PDG; Kathy Lawrence, PDG; Niki Kalantzis, Joyce Anagnos, DG; Kathryn Tripodis, PGG, PDG; Eva Jean Fomalont, GVP.



hambou@hoGrand Lodge Installation Ceremony at Supreme Convention in Las Vegas. (L-R) Kathy Zotos, DOP Grand MOA Advisor and Tria Charnas, MOA Grand President.

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YOU WILL ALREADY FIND A RICH PHOTO GALLERY OF PAST DISTRICT-WIDE EVENTS AT [HTTP://WWW.BUCKEYEDISTRICT11.ORG/BUCKEYE-DISTRICT-11-PHOTO-GALLERY/](http://www.buckeyedistrict11.org/buckeye-district-11-photo-gallery/). ENJOY!

CHAPTER LIAISONS

Did you know every Chapter has a liaison from the District Lodge specifically to answer questions for you and to promote direct communications to the Lodge? We are here to help! Here are your liaisons for 2016-2017:

Akron, Themis #24 - DA Charrie Regopoulos
 Canton, Chloris #40 - DMOA Kathy Lawrence
 Cincinnati - Calypso #13 - DM Thomai Bessler
 Cleveland, Lefkothea #63 - DT Mary Moraites
 Columbus, Penelope #15 - DT Mary Moraites
 Dayton, Polydama #111 - DMOA Kathy Lawrence
 Lakewood, Icarus #321 - DS Toni Geannesses
 Louisville, Saturn #281 - DA Charrie Regopoulos
 Middletown, Chrysa #100 - DM Thomai Bessler
 N. Royalton, Erinys #355 - DMOA Kathy Lawrence
 Toledo, Dodona #24 - DMOA Kathy Lawrence
 Warren, Hera #31 - DS Toni Geannesses
 Weirton, Pallas Athene #276 - DLG Debbie Urse
 Wheeling, Semale #256 - DLG Debbie Urse
 Youngstown, Methone #183 - DS Toni Geannesses



DISTRICT CALENDAR (to date)

September 17, 2016 - DG Conference, Washington, DC

September 24, 2016 - District Workshop & Lodge Meeting, Toledo, OH

October 16, 2016 - Lodge Visitation to Dodona #24 (Toledo) with Basile the Comedian, The Greek Show.

December 1, 2016 - District Obligations due

December 15, 2016 - Penelope Scroll submissions due

December 31, 2016 - Chapter Remittances due

March 31, 2017 - National Obligations due

April 14, 2017 - Penelope Scroll submissions due

May 15, 2017 - Chapter Reports, Election Results, etc. due

June 1, 2017 - Supreme Convention Delegate and Penelope of the Year Application due

June 16-17, 2017 - District Convention (location to be announced)

July 24-30, 2017 - Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL

Welcome to our 2016-2017 D-11 Grand Liaison!

Grand Governor Zone III Kathy Papadimitropoulos, is from Aurora, Colorado and is serving her 2nd year on the Grand Lodge. Be sure to add her to your Chapter news and events. She can be reached at loufaskvp@gmail.com.