



**2016-2017  
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**BUCKEYE DISTRICT #11 NEWSLETTER #2  
(Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia)  
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**District Governor's Message**

Dear Valued Sisters:

With Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas and the New Year ahead of us, I am reminded of the importance of the virtue of gratitude and to share with you a beautiful poem, *A Daughter's Prayer*, available on note cards through the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., that captures why we are Sisters.

***A Daughter's Prayer***  
Author Unknown

Dear Lord, please help me  
To accept human beings as they are -  
Not yearn for perfect creatures;  
To recognize ability - And encourage it;  
To understand shortcomings - And make allowance for them;  
To work patiently for improvement -  
And not expect too much too quickly;  
To appreciate what people do right -  
Not just criticize what they do wrong;  
To be slow to anger and hard to discourage;  
To have the hide of an elephant and the patience of Penelope;  
In short, Lord, please help me be a better Daughter!

May each of you and your families enjoy a blessed Christmas. I am grateful we have so much to look forward to together in the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy 2017 to all!

*Joyce Anagnos, DG*

**Maids of Athena District Governor's Message**

I am very excited to be the MOA D-11 Governor for a second term. My Lodge is anxious to see what we can achieve on a District and local level, including a Chapter reinstatement and honoring MOA Grand President Tria Charnas (MOA D-11 PDG)! I can't wait to support our Daughters as we continue into 2017, and also to show you what we are capable of. The Maids of Athena District Lodge wishes all of you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

*Dawna Natale, DG*

## DISTRICT LODGE UPDATES

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR SEMINAR** - This seminar was held for District Governors on September 17, 2016 in Washington, DC. The issues covered were relayed at the District Workshop.

**DISTRICT WORKSHOP** - The District Workshop was held on September 24, 2016 in Toledo, OH with nearly 30 attendees. Thank you to Dodona #24 for hosting. A thick package of information was reviewed at the Workshop. Chapters not in attendance receive their packages at their Visitations. Workshop handouts, updated forms and the District Bylaws are also planned to be available at the District website. **NOTE THE NEW DISTRICT FORMS DEADLINE IS MAY 1<sup>st</sup> (NOT MAY 15<sup>th</sup>) DUE TO NEW DISTRICT CONVENTION DATE.** Tip: don't wait to complete your year-end forms. Start now so you remember to put in everything. Let your planning, time and talents shine!

**NAMI District Project** - The National Alliance on Mental Illness is a new, mandatory District Project for 2016-2018. Pursuant to a bylaw passed at the 2008 District Convention, the Lodge determined \$100 as the minimum Chapter obligation for NAMI which, along with any additional donations submitted, will be allocated to each NAMI Local Affiliate where a D-11 Chapter is located. The NAMI Local Affiliates directly offer information and referral services, run education programs and support groups, and host mental health awareness events and activities. Consider inviting a local NAMI representative to speak to your Chapter to learn more about this worthy charity.

**CHAPTER VISITATIONS** - The Lodge is making great progress visiting each D-11 Chapter. Thank you to Grand Liaison Kathy Papadimitropoulos for attending visitations on November 12-13, 2016. Please contact DG Joyce directly to schedule your Chapter's visitation, if you have not already done so. The 2016-2017 visitation gift policy is for the Chapter to make an additional contribution to any District or National charity.

**PROJECT RECOGNIZE** - Many women are eligible for national DOP recognition who currently or previously served in the Armed Services Branches or in the Peace Corp. Send names and contact information (or submit questions) to former Army Health Nurse Captain and Saturn #281 VP, Marsha Serdenis, 4000 Conroy Court, Louisville, KY 40218; (502) 499-1901; jserdenis@gmail.com.

**BUCKEYE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** -All donations to the Lodge for the Foundation fund the new Daughters of Penelope Buckeye District #11 Scholarship. Foundation Chair, Tony Capranica, addressed the Workshop attendees about the opportunities and challenges facing the Foundation. For example, Chapters can assist the Foundation in building its "alumni" database by updating names and contact information of past scholarship recipients from your local communities. Contact Tony Capranica at tony.capranica@gmail.com to learn more about how your Chapter can help.

**PENELOPE'S SCROLL** - It's fun and easy for your Chapter to do! Instructions are online and submissions are due January 15, 2017 and May 15, 2017 (see [www.daughtersofpenelope.org/pdfs/Penelopes\\_Scroll\\_Submission\\_Information.pdf](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/pdfs/Penelopes_Scroll_Submission_Information.pdf)).

Thank you, Sisters!

## Membership News and Tidbits

**LARGEST DISTRICT:** I'm pleased to report that D-11 through 11/30/16 is still the largest in the DOP realm with 508 members paid through 2016. Running a close second is D-21 (Northern California) with 504 members. Keep up the great work!

**2017 CONTESTS:** Awards for these three contests will be presented at 2017 Supreme Convention:

1. For every 2 new members added to a Chapter by 5/30/17, one entry goes into a drawing for a \$250 gift card.
2. Pay all 2016 per capita by 12/31/16, be entered into drawing for \$100 gift card.
3. Pay all 2017 per capita by 12/31/16, be entered into drawing for \$100 gift card.

I hope to see all of the D-11 chapters enter these contests by submitting remittances as soon as you initiate/renew members. Membership runs a calendar year from January 1 to December 31.

**DECEMBER INITIATES:** Don't wait! The per capita paid for those initiated during December 2016 will also cover their 2017 per capita.

**REINSTATEMENT FEE WAIVER:** Spread the news! The \$15 reinstatement fee is waived for those reinstated during January and February 2017 so long as postmarked by February 28, 2017.

**FORMS:** Remember to complete membership applications in full: ID # of person reinstating (to ensure the correct person, as names may change over time), initiation dates (to ensure tracking of years of service), and type or print names, address, phone, email, etc. to ensure accuracy.

**LIFE MEMBERS:** Life Members are those Sisters who had 50+ years of continuous paid membership as of January 1, 1999. (See Const., Art V, §11.) Congratulations! If you are a Life Member, your per capita to national is waived. Note, while all other members continue to have a per capita obligation, service pins are available from Penelope's Emporium to honor members for milestone years of service and paid membership. (See [www.daughtersofpenelope.org/pdfs/DOP\\_Emporium\\_Catalogue.pdf](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/pdfs/DOP_Emporium_Catalogue.pdf)).

**MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM:** A new online membership system is expected in 2017 giving Chapters 24/7 access to directly control paying per capita, managing member information, downloading and printing rosters, creating online communities for chapter communications, etc. Correct emails are vital for accurate and prompt communications from National to the membership. National will provide more information when the system is ready.

**WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE:** Consider creating a static Chapter webpage to attract new members and event sponsors to all of the great work you do on your local level. It's easier than you think. Contact the District Webmaster, Tony Capranica, at [webmaster@buckeyedistrict11.org](mailto:webmaster@buckeyedistrict11.org) to learn how. The Daughters of Penelope are also on Facebook (Daughters of Penelope), Twitter (@DOPHeadquarters), and Instagram: (@daughtersofpenelope). Use these tools to spread the news

**GROWTH & EXPANSION IDEAS:** Every Chapter faces unique challenges for engaging its members. Please share your ideas with the Lodge so that we can encourage collaboration District-wide. For example, some Chapters address the financial challenges of dues payments with an annual lottery to sponsor a newer Sister and/or a senior Sister. Some Chapters address the challenge of meeting attendance by offering child care during the meetings or targeting a particular member group by changing a meeting date and time more suitable for them. To encourage meeting and event attendance, as well as mentoring, some Chapters pair a senior Sister with a younger Sister to arrange transportation and to share stories during those drives. Be creative!

## SAVE THESE 2017 DATES

**DISTRICT FUNDRAISER** - To support District Lodge operations and the various District Projects, the Lodge will implement a "Workless Fundraiser" for 2017. Stay tuned for more details in early 2017.

**DISTRICT GOVERNORS' TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON** - A luncheon honoring AHEPA Family D-11 Governors will be on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Georgios Café International, 426 N. Superior St., Toledo, OH 43604. Invitations to follow from our Toledo hosts from Dodona #24 and Ypsilanti #118.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION** - June 2-3, 2017 at Holiday Inn, Fairborn (Dayton), OH. Details to follow from our Dayton hosts at Polydama #111 and AHEPA #113. Considering running for the Lodge? Please do! Qualifications are stated in Art XVII, §4 of the Constitution. **NOTE THE NEW DISTRICT FORMS DEADLINE IS MAY 1<sup>st</sup> (NOT MAY 15<sup>th</sup>) DUE TO NEW DISTRICT CONVENTION DATE.**

**WHY DEADLINES MATTER:** Many Chapters are confused by the importance of meeting deadlines. National would like the Districts to remind Chapters of their importance.

- **December 1<sup>st</sup>** for District Obligations is for a Chapter to be in good standing, seated at the District Convention (see Constitution Art XX, §3), and seated at the Supreme Convention (Art XVI, §4).
- **December 31<sup>st</sup>** for current remittance (2016 dues) determines: (1) the number of Chapter delegates seated at the Supreme Convention (Art XVI, §9), (2) the number of Chapter delegates seated at the District Convention (Art XX, §§3-4), (3) if a member is in good standing (Art XXVI, Sec 2 & 6), (4) whether a member qualifies as District Convention delegate (Art XX, §6), and (5) whether a member qualifies as Supreme Convention delegate (Art XVI, §7).
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>** for National Obligations determines if a Chapter is in good standing and can seat delegates at the District (Art XX, §3) and Supreme Conventions (Art XVI, §4).

## DISTRICT CALENDAR

December 1, 2016 - District Obligations due to District Treasurer

December 31, 2016 - Chapter Remittances due; Growth & Expansion Contests #2 & #3 deadline

January 15, 2017 - Penelope Scroll submissions deadline (**NEW DATE**)

February 20, 2017 - Lodge Meeting #4 (Conference Call)

February 28, 2017 - Reinstatement fee waiver deadline

March 11, 2017 - District Governors' Testimonial Luncheon in Toledo, OH

March 18, 2017 - Lodge Visitation to Lefkothea #63 (Cleveland, OH), Icarus #321 (Lakewood, OH), and Erynys #355 (N. Royalton, OH)

March 31, 2017 - National Obligations due

April 16, 2016 -Easter/Pascha

April 22, 2017 - Lodge Visitation to Chloris #40 & Lodge Meeting #5 (Canton, OH)

May 1, 2017 - All District Forms & Reports due (**NEW DATE**)

May 15, 2017 - Penelope Scroll submissions deadline (**NEW DATE**)

May 30, 2017 - Growth & Expansion Contest #1 deadline

June 1, 2017 - Supreme Convention Delegates and Penelope of the Year Application deadline

June 2-3, 2017 - District Convention in Dayton, OH (**NEW DATE**)

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

Consult the District Website ([www.buckeyedistrict11.org](http://www.buckeyedistrict11.org)) for more D-11 and Chapter events.