



Dear Sisters,

September 29, 2020

A pandemic – who would have ever thought that we would be living through a situation like this. I hope you all are doing your best living through COVID 19. Living - that is the key word – we all are doing the best we can at living through the pandemic without seeing friends, families, our sisters. I have been trying to quarantine somewhat. I do spend a lot of time with Nicole. She is my one reach out and touch someone. I am so glad though that we have all the technology available that we do today – Facebook, facetime, ZOOM, Microsoft teams, google hangouts, etc. On Sundays I watch the church service on Facebook. I am so glad that we can at least reach out and touch each other through the computer – through the phone. We are still in unprecedented times but at least now, I believe there is enough toilet paper for everyone. Around here, it is still difficult to get disinfectant wipes, but thank goodness for my brother who gets there early in the morning before they are all gone and gets me some.

This is especially the time for us to follow our Grand President Celia Kachmarski's theme for this year: "Take Care of Yourself, Your Family, and the Daughters of Penelope" I agree and think it is so important that we support one another even more so during this pandemic. I hope we can reach out to one another – phone, email, conference calls and ZOOM. I have already participated in two chapter meetings via ZOOM – Canton, Chloris #40 and North Royalton, Erinys #355. I installed the new chapter officers for 2020-2021 during the meetings. It was wonderful seeing members from each of the two chapters, hearing what they have planned, and chit chatting. I hope to have many more ZOOM meetings with all of our chapters. It is pretty easy to use. Any chapter can use my ZOOM account for their own meetings if they would like. Just give me a call and I will provide you the information so your chapter can set it up and use it. We can connect through zoom or we can have a telephone conference call. Please just contact me or any of the lodge members. Here is my cell number: 937-416-9849; my email: sueladop@gmail.com.

I would like to reintroduce the Buckeye District #11 Lodge members to you for 2020-2021:

District Governor: Sue Bacas

District Lt Governor: Chryse Ellinos

District Secretary: Tula O'Neal

District Treasurer: Nicole Bacas

District Marshal: Linda Natale

District Advisor for Maids of Athena: Alexis Brun

The Chapter Liaisons are as follows:

Chryse Ellinos: Dayton, Polydama #111, Weirton, Palles Athene #276; Warren, Hera #31

Tula O'Neal: Louisville, Saturn #281, Wheeling, Semale #256

Nicole Bacas: Youngstown, Methone #183; Toledo, Dodona #24

Linda Natale: North Royalton, Erinys #355; Cleveland, Lefkothea #63; Lakewood, Icarus #321

Alexis Blessing: Canton, Chloris#40; Cincinnati, Calypso #13; Middletown, Chrysa #10

Please make sure to establish a relationship with your liaison and keep them in the loop about what is going on in your chapter. If you have any questions please reach out. I hope that we can ZOOM or talk on the phone since I will not be visiting your chapter this year. Hopefully that will change next year.

I would like to bring you up to date on a few things. First, I want to let you know that Ms. Joyce Anagnos has decided to retire from the lodge. I want to thank PDG Joyce Anagnos who has supported the Buckeye District #11 DOP for the last four years as District Advisor and District Governor – and has been on the lodge for even longer than that. She was a role model for us as District Governor and provided a great deal of support as District Advisor. I am hoping she will go on to serve on the Grand Lodge in the future. Thank you Joyce for all your time, dedication, and support. I also want to thank Charrie Regopoulos, Grand Governor Zone II who served as our liaison for the last year. We appreciate all of her support and involvement. It was a pleasure working with her. We will miss her. Our new liaison, Gretchen Holtsinger, is the Grand Governor Zone III. She lives in Texas and has already started participating in some of our ZOOM functions. Welcome Gretchen. Please contact her and introduce yourselves. Keep her posted in what you are doing. Here is her email: holtstinger@att.net Also, for your information, the entire Grand Lodge remained the same for another year.

This Saturday, October 3rd I will be participating in the National leadership conference for all the District Governors via ZOOM. I hope to hear what all the other districts are experiencing this year. I also hope to hear what the Grand Lodge is doing. I will let you know what I learn. Please also visit the Buckeye District #11 web page: <http://www.buckeyedistrict11.org> We are still working on bringing it up to date. Also, visit the national web page: <https://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/>

We are having our Buckeye District #11 WORKSHOP via ZOOM on **October 17 at 9:00 A.M.** I would appreciate it if all of the chapter presidents participate. Any other members who would like to sit in are also welcome. Here is the link for the ZOOM invitation – I will also forward it out to everyone to your chapter's email:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87090707047?pwd=ZFBxbHZPKzJCMnVnNVlFdGNQNGdQZz09>

Here is the call in number: 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

We recently participated in a coffee chat sponsored by Water With Blessings (WWB) where our district was highlighted. Linda Natale was our main speaker. It was recorded and is available on the WWB web site. We will talk about it more at our workshop. Your obligations are still due by December 1. It will also be discussed at our workshop. Please send me any agenda items you would like to add for the district workshop.

MORE TO COME. In the meantime my prayers are with all of you. Let's all pray for an end to this pandemic. Let's pray for all of those who are working to keep us safe. Let's pray that everyone wears their masks to keep us all safe. Let's pray for one another to stay healthy and happy and supportive of others. God bless.

Yours in Theta Pi,
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Buckeye District #11 Governor
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