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Report from the President

Fellow Brothers,

This is going to be my last report as your Chapter President. Since May of 2009 I have had the honour and the privilege to serve you and the mission and goals of AHEPA which I have endeavored to carry out to the best of my abilities, subject to the fact that I have also had to carry my work of teaching and research in two institutions and

looking after my family at the same time.

I hope you are pleased with my efforts. The past two years we have carried on our normal business, increased our membership, strengthened our organizational structures, re-activated our scholarships program, re-activated our Junior Order the Sons of Pericles and improved the finances and raised the profile and prestige of AHEPA.

Some of our biggest accomplishments have been the hosting of the 88th AHEPA Supreme Convention in Montreal last year, considered by most participants one of the best in recent history. It was the second time since 1960 that our Montreal Chapter hosted such an immense undertaking. We have carried on with our philanthropic work by raising \$73,000 in our 11th and 12th Annual St-Valentine's Ball for the benefit of the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal and managed to succeed in fulfilling our multi-year pledge of raising \$250,000. It should be noted that this was the first time in the history of Canada's Hellenic community that so much money was raised and donated by a single organization for a cause outside the Greek community. It demonstrates AHEPA's commitment to serve not only the needs of our own community but the needs of Canadian society at large, an act that reflects AHEPA's position as the pre-eminent and most respected organization in Canada's Greek community.

Our third major accomplishment is the leadership we have shown in assisting our national organization, the Canadian Order of AHEPA and its esteemed President Br. Nick Aroutzidis in organizing the Montreal Conference on Emerging Hellenic-Israeli Relations, a groundbreaking initiative that strengthened our ties with Canada's Jewish community and reinforced the effort of strengthening ties and cooperation between the states of Greece and Israel.

There is so much more that has been accomplished, that would take too much space here to go into any detail. I will just list some for the record. The

NOTICE OF CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

6:30 P.M. – Mikri Vouli

Hellenic Community Center

5757 Wilderton Street, Montreal

*Sandwiches & wine will be served
at the conclusion of the meeting.*

AGENDA

6:30 p.m. Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Roll Call of Officers

Reading of Minutes

Business Arising from Minutes

Correspondence

Reports:

- President's Report
- District Convention
- Education
- 89th Supreme Convention
- 20th AHEPA Invitational Golf Tournament

Elections for Chapter Executive and Board of Governors

For the Good of the Order

Closing Prayer

8: 30 p.m. Adjournment of Meeting

*“Those who don't care find many
excuses, those who care find the
time”*

Plato, 427-347 B.C.

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Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Flame ceremony, the 18th and 19th AHEPA Annual Invitational Golf Tournaments, the Book Launch of Br. Bougas' book, the educational lectures by Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Dr. Chris Karatzios and James Kromida, CA, our support for the Lecture Series of the Hellenic Studies Unit of Concordia University, our CFMB Ahepa program, our continued financial support of the Socrates and now Demosthenes schools of the Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal, our support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople our re-activated scholarship program whereby we awarded three scholarships last year, our Installation Ceremonies, our AHEPA Day memorials and our Christmas Parties.

Now, it is my time for me to move on after serving two terms as Chapter President. Although I will not run for a third term, I do not intend to disappear either. I will continue my close involvement with AHEPA at the Chapter level as Chair of the board of governors and now at the District level as the newly-elected Lieutenant Governor of our District. Although I have completed much of the work I set out to do when I took on this mandate as a two year mission, much still remains to be accomplished and I will stick around to see it through.

Some of the issues that should concern us are the following: 1) We should continue with the strengthening of our organizational structures, namely improve the financial reporting, the administration of our Home Fund, our secretariat and our mailing lists. 2) We need to expand our membership further. 3) We need to renew our vision for the future now that the Shriners Hospital project has been completed. We should identify one or two major multi-year projects that we should concentrate our efforts on instead of scattering our efforts on short-term calls for help and mini events that do not have lasting importance or stature.

Based on my experience and discussions with many of you, some of the major projects we should consider are a) the establishment of a housing project for seniors, b) the Hellenic Studies Chair at McGill, c) building an endowment fund for education and Hellenism and d) establish a permanent Home for our Offices and our meetings in Montreal. If we could set a tall goal of raising a quarter of a million dollars over 6 years for the Shriners, I am confident that we can raise at least the same amount over five years and leave something lasting behind for the next generation.

I would like to thank our Sisters, the Daughters of Penelope for the wonderful and outstanding cooperation that we received from them over the last two years. Our accomplishments would not have been possible without their involvement and cooperation. When we respect each other and work together in unity of purpose there is nothing to fear and much to accomplish.

I would also like to thank all the brothers who assisted me in my hard task of running this chapter and all of you who have participated, contributed and supported the mission of AHEPA during my tenure.

In closing, I need to remind everyone that "axia", "timi" and "value" is only what we give to others, not what we take and keep for ourselves. All the financial fortune that we amass during our life time we cannot bring to our next life. But what we do for and give to others is what stays behind, and this is what we will be remembered for.

Fraternally yours,

Bro Ken Matziorinis

Report from the 76th AHEPA District 23 Convention

Hamilton, ON, May 27-29, 2011

Between Friday May 27th and Sunday May 29th your President along with Brothers Fotis Antoniou, Dennis Georgakis, Lazarus Kalipolidis, Peter Papas and George Vassilas, District Governor, represented our chapter at the annual AHEPA Beaver District 23 Convention in Hamilton, ON. We had a full day of meetings on Saturday, discussed and debated issues, heard reports from the Chapter presidents, tabled resolutions, passed motions and elected the new District Lodge for 2011-12.

One of the resolutions passed was the formation of a Canadian Hellenic & Cyprus Affairs Committee for our District which comprises all seven chapters in Ontario and Quebec. This committee will form the nucleus of the AHEPA Canada lobby on Hellenic and Cyprus national affairs. The Committee will be chaired by Br Antony Polyzotis, newly-elected District Vice-President Hellenism.

The newly-elected executive of the District Lodge consist of Jim Fabrikis, Governor, Ken Matziorinis Lieutenant Governor, Andreas Stavropoulos, Secretary, Panos Sechopoulos, Treasurer, Jim Kaldis, Marshall Paul Kalaitzis, Warden and Andy Tzemis, Athletic Director, Antony Polyzotis, VP Hellenism, Larry Vrionis, VP Education, Jack Terzis, VP Civic Responsibility, Bill Bakalis, VP Philanthropy and Dennis Georgakis, Sons Advisor.

Our Chapter was awarded two commendations from the District Lodge this year. **Chapter of the Year** and I was selected for the **District 23 Chapter President of the Year**. They reflect the great efforts our Chapter made this year in advancing the mission and goals of AHEPA.

Next year the Annual District Convention will be held in Ottawa, our nation's capital the week following the Victoria Day Holiday, while in 2013 the District Convention will take place in Montreal, our home town.

On Friday evening we were received warmly in a reception at the AHEPA Suite of the hotel, on Saturday night we had a great dinner and glendi which went on past midnight and on Sunday morning some of us participated in the board of directors meeting of the Ahepa Family Charitable Foundation (AFCFC) and then went for church services at the Panagia Church where we were treated to lunch following the service. In all, we had a great time, worked hard, partied and brain stormed.

Announcements and Up-coming Events

Casino Night & Texas Hold'Em Tournament

Friday, June 17, 2011 at 7:00 PM

This is a fundraising event for the benefit of the West Island Greek Community Church expansion project. Price of ticket: \$75.00. Come out and eat, play, have fun and help the Community raise the money to expand our Church. Call Frank Antoniou at 514-594-1148 or Dennis Georgakis at 514-942-2042.

20th Annual AHEPA Montreal Invitational Golf Tournament, Tuesday, July 5, 2011, Club de Golf Le Victorien

This year's 20th Annual AHEPA Montreal Invitational Golf Tournament will take place on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the Club de Golf Le Victorien (7625 Route Arthur Sauve, Mirabel, QC, J7N 2R6) at 12:30 Noon Shotgun Start. The cost of participation is \$125.00 for paid-members of AHEPA (\$135.00 for non-members) and \$160.00 for those who will pay at the last minute at the golf course. Those who would like to join us for the dinner portion the price is only \$40.00. Lots of gifts for those who will be present. Hope to see you all.

89th Annual AHEPA Family Supreme Convention, July 18-24, 2011, Miami Fountainebleau Hotel

This year's event is taking place at the newly renovated and famous Fountainebleau Hotel

complex in Miami, Florida. The rate for delegates and alternates is \$225 (\$275 for non-delegates) and the hotel room preferential rate is \$175 per night. All those brothers interested in joining us please get in touch with us. For more information visit www.ahepa.org

Membership Dues and Bulletin Advertising

Bro **Peter Scoufaras** has issued billings for 2010 membership dues by regular and electronic mail to Chapter members and soon you will be issued billings for the Bulletin advertising. Please bring in or mail your membership dues at your earliest convenience. **By paying your dues promptly you cut down on the work your executive has to do.** Also remember that more than half the money you pay goes to support the work that AHEPA does at the national and international levels. If you care, act now!

Chapter Website

Please visit our Chapter website www.ahepamontreal.org. We have made some important additions and are in the process of developing the site so it can play a central role in our communication and operations. Check the Calendar of Events for up-coming events.

Conference on Emerging Hellenic-Israeli Relations

Montreal, April 4, 2011



THE AHEPA BEAVER DISTRICT #23 LODGE

The newly-elected Lodge for 2011-12



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