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AHEPA Montreal Chapter CJ7 Newsletter March, 2011

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Report from the President

Fellow Brothers,

I am very happy to inform you that at our last meeting we initiated the first six **Sons of Pericles** with more to be initiated in a forthcoming meeting. At last we are joining the Daughters who reactivated their Maids of Athena Chapter last year in having an active and dynamic youth wing of our Organization. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming these new young Brothers to the AHEPA Family. Maintaining active and vibrant youth wings assures the future of our organization and enables the sustenance and continuation of our Hellenic heritage, language and culture in Canada. I would like to thank Bro **Dennis Georgakis**, Sons Advisors for his leadership on this file, Bro **George Vassilas** and Sister **Effie Varelas**.

On Sunday, March 6, 2011 the Daughters of Penelope held their Fifth Annual Mini Spa and Fair at the Hellenic Community Centre. The Grande Salle of the Community Centre was packed by hundreds of people who came to use the spa services and buy goods at the fair with tables overflowing with food and sweets. My Sister President **Hellen Christodoulou** asked me to address the audience to whom I extended our Chapter's greetings and congratulations for organizing a highly successful and fun-filled event. Portion of the proceeds was donated to Saint Dionysios Greek Orthodox Church and Dr. **Chris Karatzios's** Research Lab at the Montreal Children's Hospital.

At the same event the Daughters honoured Sister **Rena Papathanakos** following her retirement from Greek Radio CFMB and for completing half a century of broadcasting and journalism to our community. I am sure most of you are like me, the only voice we have known on Greek radio on Saturday mornings has been that of Sister Rena. Please join me in congratulating Sister Rena for her devotion, professionalism and love for her community. I am proud to inform you that on your behalf I submitted a nomination so that Sister Rena Papathanakos be chosen this year's **Hellene of the Year**. We will wait until Saturday evening, the 26th of March at the Official March 25th Dinner hosted by, the HCGM to find out if our nomination was selected. If she is chosen, she will be the first woman to receive such an honour from the HCGM.

On Saturday, March 12th, Sister Christodoulou and I met with Mr. **Billy Balabanos**, President of the HCGM to discuss issues concerning our two great

NOTICE OF CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

6:30 P.M. – Mikri Vouli

Hellenic Community Center

5757 Wilderton Street, Montreal

AGENDA

6:30 p.m. Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Roll Call of Officers

Reading of Minutes

Balloting of New Members

Correspondence

Reports:

- President's Report
- Education
- Public Relations Report
- Finance Report
- March 25th Parade
- Election of District Convention Delegates

New Business

For the Good of the Order

Closing Prayer

8:30 p.m. Adjournment of Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

“The price good men pay for
indifference to public affairs is to
be ruled by evil men”

Plato, 427-347 B.C.

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organizations as well as explore ways to support the Greek schools and the efforts of the HCGM to rationalize and consolidate the organization. A strong Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal benefits all of us and it deserves our full support and cooperation.

On Sunday, March 13th the HCGM organized a fundraiser at the Chateau Royal to raise funds for the Greek Day and the Saturday Schools. The Sisters and us bought two tables and sponsored an ad for the event. I represented our Chapter to this dinner along with Bro **Ioannis Bougas**, Bro **Peter Papas**, Bro **Costas Trogadis**. Other brothers in attendance included Bro **Xenos**, Bro **Milonopoulos** and Bro **Sinoyiannis**. The event was a total success with nearly 1000 people showing up to support our schools.

This coming week we are celebrating the 190th anniversary of the Declaration of the Greek War of Independence. Freedom, independence and dignity is not free, it is earned. Our Greek nation earned it by paying an extremely high price in blood and stone, for we were the first nation in the Ottoman Empire to rise and demand our independence. Our freedom as a people and our dignity as a nation should never be taken for granted, because every so often threatening forces arise which challenge our position and seek to erase the gains we have made and push us to the margins of history.

Greece today is facing a number of challenges, both internal and external, economic and geopolitical. I call on you Brothers to show your colours at this year's March 25th Parade that will take place on Sunday, March 27th at 1:00 pm. As well as joining us at the Official Dinner that will take place the evening of Saturday, the 26th of March. Bro **Ioannis Bougas**, VP Hellenism has been appointed as Chair of the March 25th Celebration Committee and will call you to join the festivities. Please respond to his call and show with your action that the spirit of Greece is alive and strong.

On Monday, April 4, 2011 **AHEPA Canada** joins forces with the **Canadian Hellenic Congress** to host a groundbreaking conference on Emerging Hellenic-Israeli Relations at the Hellenic Community Centre to be followed by a Wine & Cheese Celebration of Friendship Between the Greek and Jewish Communities at the Gelber Centre . This is an initiative that was conceived at last Summer's AHEPA Supreme Convention held here in Montreal. A Conference on Hellenic-Israeli Relations was held last October in Washington, DC and now the second one and the first in Canada is being held here in Montreal. I am very happy and proud that the two leading Greek Canadian Organizations, AHEPA and the Hellenic Congress are working together, united and strong to host this historic event that aims at bringing the two nations closer together and bringing the two great Canadian communities closer together. Our two nations go back thousands of years and have managed to survive and prosper despite all the challenges and adversity that history has thrown against them. You would agree that our Western civilization owes much to these two nations and greater communication, and cooperation between the two is vital to maintain our individual strength as well as safeguard our existence in a growing and globalized environment. You would agree that we have much to learn and benefit from each other. Please read the announcements below and RSVP your attendance to this groundbreaking and historic event.

Ahepa needs you and you need Ahepa!

Fraternally yours,
Bro Ken Matziorinis

Announcements and Up-coming Events

March 25th National Parade

This year we are celebrating the 190th Anniversary of the Greek Declaration of Independence and the rebirth of the modern Greek state. It is also an important occasion to showcase our solidarity with the people of Greece who are undergoing the deepest financial crisis since the Second World War. Brothers you are being called to demonstrate our strength as Ahepans and as Hellenes in this year's parade. Meet us at Hutchison & Jean Talon on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 1:00 pm. **RSVP** your participation with Bro **Ioannis Bougas**, Chair of the 25 March Committee at 514-232-3192.

March 25th Official Dinner

Join us for the March 25th Official Dinner at the Hellenic Community Centre, 5777 Wilderton Avenue on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 7:30 pm.. We have reserved a table at the dinner hosted by the HCGM on Saturday evening 7:30 pm at the Hellenic Community Centre on Wilderton Avenue (ticket price \$45.00). At the dinner, the HCGM will also be announcing the names of "Hellenes and Philhellenes of the Year". **RSVP** your participation with Bro **Ioannis Bougas**, Chair of the 25 March Committee at 514-232-3192.

Conference on Emerging Hellenic-Israeli Relations

AHEPA Canada, the Canadian Hellenic Congress, the Canada-Israel Committee

and the Quebec Jewish Congress are organizing a ground breaking conference on the emerging Hellenic-Israeli Relations that will take place on **Monday, April 4, 2011** at the Hellenic Community Centre from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, in the presence of the Ambassadors of Greece and Israel H.E. **Eleftherios Anghelopoulos** and H.E. **Miriam Ziv**, the Consul Generals, the Hon **Thanos Kafopoulos** and the Hon **Yoram Elron**, as well as Senators **Leo Housakos** and **Linda Frum**. A light lunch will follow. Speakers in the conference will include Dr. **Andre Gerolymatos** from Simon Fraser University, who will speak on Greek national issues, Dr. **Ken Matziorinis** from McGill University who will give is a brief history of the Jewish Community of Greece, Dr. **Amikam Nachmani** from Bar-Ilan University in Israel who will speak on the Greek-Israeli Relationship and Dr. **Gil Troy** from McGill who will speak on Israeli national issues. Senator **Pana Merchant** (Saskatchewan Senator of Greek origin) and **Irwin Cotler**, former Attorney General of Canada are expected to be in attendance. This Conference is a follow-up of a similar conference that was organized by AHEPA in Washington, DC last October 7, 2010.

The Statement of Purpose of the Conference is: The increasing dialogue and cooperation between Greece and Israel is an encouraging development. Where will this dialogue lead in areas of strategic importance to both nations? Our aim is to identify concrete areas of cooperation between the two nations and explore how the Greek Canadian and Jewish Canadian communities can help augment and strengthen relations between them. We invite you to join us for this groundbreaking conference.

On the Greek side, the members of the organizing committee include Frank Antoniou, Nick Aroutzidis, Ioannis Bougas, Andre Gerolymatos, Theodore Halatsis, Nick Katalifos, Christos Karatzios, George Manolikakis and Ken Matziorinis. If you are interested in attending this conference, contact Bro **Ioannis Bougas** at **514-232-3192**. Attendance is free but you must register in advance.

**Celebration of Friendship
Between the Greek and Jewish
Communities, Gelber Centre,
April 4, 2011**

This wine & cheese reception hosted by Canada-Israel Committee at the Gelber Centre on Monday, April 4, 2011, between 5:30 – 6:30 pm, 5151 Cote-Ste-Catherine Road. This is a social exchange, bridge building and networking event with members of Montreal's Jewish Community. Join us for this informal wine & cheese get-together. Attendance is free but you must **RSVP** with: philippe.elharrar@gic-cqi.org

**AHEPA Day, St-Dionysios
Church, Sunday, May 8, 2011**

The event is being chaired by Bro **Lazarus Kalipolidis** and Sister **Tina Koufos**. AHEPA Day is a celebration of the works and mission of AHEPA and it is held in memory of all our deceased Brothers and Sisters. This year it will take place at **St-Dionysios Greek Orthodox Church** at 7707 LaSalle Blvd., in LaSalle, QC, H8P 1Y5. Please join your brothers and sisters for this.

**Beaver District #23 75th AHEPA
Family Convention, May 27-29th ,
Hamilton, Ontario**

This year's 76th AHEPA Family Beaver District No 23 Convention will take place on the weekend of May 27-29th in Hamilton, ON at the Marriott Hotel on 1224 Upper James Street, Hamilton, ON, L9C 3B1. Room Rates start from \$139.00 plus tax (based on single or double occupancy, and \$169 for a Suite. Delegate and guest package in \$155 and includes hospitality night, breakfast (two days), lunch, dinner, awards and dance. See attached poster.

**Congratulations Bro Gerry
Apostolatos**

We are pleased to inform you that Bro **Gerry Apostolatos** has been elected President of the **Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Branch**. The **CBA** represents over 37,000 lawyers, judges, notaries, law teachers, and law students from across Canada. The CBA is the advocate of all members of the legal profession; it is the voice of and for all members of the profession; it is the premier provider of personal and professional development and support to all members of the legal profession; it promotes fair justice systems, facilitates effective law reform, promotes equality in the legal profession and is devoted to the elimination of discrimination; the CBA is committed to enhancing and protecting the independence of the judiciary and the Bar. The Canadian Bar Association has Branches in each of the provinces. Bro **Apostolatos** is the first President of Greek descent to be elected to this leading position and we are proud of his work and accomplishments.

**Congratulations and
Welcome to the New Sons
who were
initiated to the Sons of
Pericles**

**George Daoud, Peter Favas,
Peter Hatzigeorgiou,
Demetrios Koziris,
Cristos Poporis,
Gregory Synanidis**

Thank you Bro Georgakis!

Congratulations Bro Tom Pentefountas

Congratulations to Bro **Tom Pentefountas** on his appointment as Vice-Chair of the **Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission** (CRTC).

Established in 1976, the CRTC is the federal agency that regulates broadcasting and telecommunications in Canada. This is one of the most senior appointments ever to be made to a member of the Greek Community of Canada. As Greeks and Ahepans we are proud of Bro **Tom's** appointment and wish him every success in his new job and role. It is about time that we see members of our community breaking through the senior ranks of the Canadian establishment and look forward to more such appointments in the future.

Our Condolences to Bro John Theodosopoulos for the loss of his mother Konstantina Theodosopoulos

Mrs Konstantina Theodosopoulos peacefully passed away on March 18, 2011 at the age of 85, wife of the late Peter Theodosopoulos. Our sincere condolences to Bro **John Theodosopoulos** for the loss of his mother.

MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL.

Membership Dues and Bulletin Advertising

Bro **Peter Scoufaras** has sent out electronic invoices for membership dues as well as bulletin advertising for 2011. Please settle your invoices as soon as possible. Also, if there has been a change in your mailing address, e-mail address, telephone or cell number, please send us an e-mail so we may update the information. Do you receive by mail the **AHEPAN Magazine**? Do you receive the electronic press releases and other communications from AHEPA Headquarters? If not, please let us know.

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

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Beaver District No. 23
76th Annual Convention



AHEPA Family Convention Program

2011

Friday May 27

Registration & Hospitality
Night

Saturday May 28

Registration, Meetings &
Awards Dinner Dance

Sunday May 29

AHEPA Day Brunch

Accommodations & Convention Facility

Marriott Hotel 1224 Upper James Street
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