



# The Mount-Royal Chapter Herald

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## *Message from the President*

Fellow Brothers,

Here is my speech from our Installation Ceremonies held on Sunday, October 17, 2010 in Chateau Royal, Laval,

Consul General of Greece, Brothers and Sisters, scholarship recipients and proud parents, dear guests. I would like to begin by welcoming you all today and thanking you for being present to this year's Installation Ceremony of the executive and officers of our Orders. I especially would like to thank the Honourable Mr. **Thanos Kafopoulos**, the newly appointed Consul General of Greece to Montreal for accepting our invitation to come and be with us today, only days after arriving to our beautiful city.

I want to thank my brothers in AHEPA for their vote of confidence and trust in re-electing me President of this esteemed organization for a second year. As I have in the past year, I will continue to work hard to promote the goals and ideals of this organization and to serve the needs of our community.

I also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Sister **Hellen Christodoulou** on her recent election as President of the Daughters of Penelope as well as all the members of her executive. Yesterday we had our first meeting and discussed our vision and aspirations for our Montreal AHEPA Family. I am proud and happy to say that with Sister Hellen we share the same vision and aspirations and the same eagerness and ambition to take bold steps toward fulfilling the great potential of this organization. Our two executives are looking forward to working closely, in full respect and unity in achieving our goals.

I also want to welcome the executive of the reinstated junior order of the Maids of Athena and their newly elected President Miss **Ioanna Siotas**. Congratulations young ladies for taking up the mantle of AHEPA and Hellenism. I hope that soon we will be able to reinstate the Sons of Pericles and complete the quad of this Family.

## NOTICE OF CHAPTER MEETING

*Wednesday, October 20, 2010*

Mikri Vouli

Hellenic Community Center  
5757 Wilderton Street, Montreal

## AGENDA

6:30 pm Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Roll Call of Officers

Reading of Minutes

Business arising from minutes

Correspondence

Reports

- President's Report
- Supreme Convention
- 19<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament
- Treasurer's Report
- Valentine Ball
- Education
- Hellenism
- Joint-Meeting, DOP
- Christmas Party

New Business

For the Good of the Order

Closing Prayer

8:30 pm Adjournment of Meeting

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

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AHEPA is the largest and oldest Hellenic heritage organization in the world. It represents the spirit and serves the needs of Hellenes outside Greece. Founded in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, it has successfully laboured for over 88 years, 82 years in Canada and for 80 years here in Montreal. With Chapters all over the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Cyprus and Greece, it counts more than 25,000 members among its ranks that includes not only individuals of Greek descent, but Philhellenes as well. Originally founded to protect Greek immigrants from the discrimination that was then rampant in the South of the United States, it has played a leading role in the civil rights movement in America, and has helped succeeding generations of Hellenes integrate in their host countries and participate in the civil, political and economic affairs of their adopted homelands.

This year our Montreal AHEPA Family staged a number of successful fundraising events. In our St-Valentine's Ball we raised \$30,000 for the Shriners Hospital and the Giant Steps Foundation, \$7,000 for the Hellenic Studies Unit at Concordia University, \$3,000 for the trilingual schools of the Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal, in addition to contributing smaller amounts to various other community organizations including the St-George's Church Filoptochos and the Haiti Relief Fund. We re-launched our AHEPA Scholarship program which gives us the distinct pleasure of offering three scholarships today for academic achievement to worthy students of Greek descent along with those already given out by the Daughters. We organized our 19<sup>th</sup> Invitational Golf Tournament, co-sponsored the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games Flame to the Hellenic Community of Montreal and held a number of educational lectures, among other events.

But our crowning achievement this past year has been the organizing and hosting of the 88<sup>th</sup> AHEPA Family Supreme Convention here in Montreal, the second time after 50 years that it was held in this city and the fourth time in Canada. Our two Orders assisted later by the Maids worked with an unprecedented degree of dedication unity and cooperation and staged what most participants repeatedly told us were the most successful and memorable international convention in living memory. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate once again the Supreme convention Organizing Committee led by Chairman **Xenophon Scoufaras** and Vice Chairs **Frank Antoniou** and **Alexandra Vassilakopoulos** and all the Committee members, numerous volunteers and sponsors who made this tremendous achievement possible.

Today we are taking the opportunity of this event to award scholarships for outstanding academic achievement to three worthy individuals, Miss **Irene Mantis**, Miss **Angela Vavassis** and Mr. **Ioannis Zisis**. Congratulations to you personally as well as your families. We will present the Beaver District Ahepan of the Year Award to Bro **Frank Antoniou** and we are also taking the opportunity to mark membership milestones for some of our members. We will be presenting AHEPA years of service pins for 50 years, 40 years and 25 years. Next year we will do the same for those who have completed 35 and 20 years. AHEPA thanks you brothers for your continuous commitment, dedication and service to the ideals and work of AHEPA.

Lastly, I cannot end my remarks without mentioning that two members of our AHEPA Montreal Family, Bro **George Vassilas** and Sister **Effie Varelas** have raised over \$5,100 each for the AHEPA Charitable Foundation and they will be participating in the 2010 Athens Marathon which will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup> in Athens, Greece to commemorate the run of **Phillipides** following the victorious battle of Marathon, exactly 2,500 years ago. Congratulations Effie and George and bring back to us the sense and taste of Niki or Victory!

***Ahepa needs you and you need Ahepa!***

Fraternally yours,  
**Bro Ken Matziorinis**

# Announcements and Up-coming Events

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**Toronto Orthodox Theological Academy 2010 Graduating Class Banquet, Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 6:30 PM, Chateau Royal Reception Hall, Laval, QC.**

His Eminence Metropolitan Archbishop Sotirios will be hosting a banquet honouring the 2010 graduating class of the Toronto Orthodox Academy on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Chateau Royal Reception Hall. AHEPA has organized two tables and all those who would like to attend please contact Bro Demetris Yantsulis.

**Beaver District #23 AHEPA Family Mid-Year Conference and AHEPA Canada Foundation Annual Meeting, November 5-6<sup>th</sup>, Windsor, Ontario**

This year's Mid-Year Conference and AHEPA Canada Foundation Annual Meeting will take place on Friday-Saturday, November 5-6<sup>th</sup> in Windsor Ontario at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel. The room rate is \$109.00 plus tax (based on single or double occupancy, The Registration fee is \$115 and includes hospitality night, breakfast (two days), lunch and dinner. Further details will be supplied soon. Rate is guaranteed until Oct 22 and registration fees until Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.





**Book Launch of Dr. Ioannis Bougas' latest book "Matomenes Mnemes:**

**1940-1945" Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Hellenic Community Centre, Montreal, QC, Canada**

Brothers, our AHEPA Chapter in Montreal is sponsoring along with other sponsors the book launch of our esteemed brother and author Bro Dr. Ioannis Bougas. His latest book, Matomenes Mnemes: 1940-45 has been acclaimed by readers to be the most accurate, objective, balanced and definitive account of the Greek Civil War in the Peloponnesus region of Greece. It is an honour for our Montreal AHEPA Family that the author of this book is one of us and you are all urged to attend and honour with your presence this man's quest for clarity and truth. The book launch will be followed by a reception sponsored by Friends of Ioannis Bougas.

## **Dues and Bulletin Advertising**

Bro **Peter Scoufaras** has issued billings for 2010 membership dues and bulletin advertising by regular and electronic mail to Chapter members. 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!

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