



The Mount-Royal Chapter Herald

AHEPA Montreal Chapter CJ7 Newsletter April, 2011

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Report from the President

Fellow Brothers,

On March 27th, your Chapter along with the Daughters, the Sons and the Maids, we participated in the March 25th National Parade to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the proclamation of the Greek Revolution. After an absence of a few years it was nice to see the participation of our Sons and the Maids in the Parade, with a contingent of 25 people and an oversized Greek flag. I would like to thank

Bro **Ioannis Bougas** for serving as Chair of the 25 March Celebration Committee this year and thank Bro **Kalipolidis**, Bro **Georgakis** and Bro **Dionissopoulos** for braving the cold and Marching in the parade. My only lament, I wished to see more Ahepans out there marching with us.

The day before the parade, on March 26th, Sister **Hellen Christodoulou**, Bro **Bougas**, Bro **Kalipolidis** and I participated in the wreath laying ceremony at Dominion Square at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This year the AHEPA Montreal Family deposited its own wreath in memory of our fallen heroes of the Revolution. During the evening dinner hosted by the Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal, the Daughters and us filled more than two tables. I wish to acknowledge the presence of Bro **Kalipolidis** and his wife **Mary**, Bro **Trogadis** and his wife **Christina**, Bro **Michalopoulos**, Bro **Bougas**, Bro **Tsalikis**, Bro **Paschalidis**, Bro **Katsarakis**, Bro **Yantsulis**, Bro **Manolakis** and others.

During the evening, the winners of the HCGM Hellene of the Year and Philhellene of the Year were announced. I am pleased to announce that this year's recipients of these prestigious awards were respectively Sister **Rena Papathanakos** and **Mr. B. Serkos**. Sister Rena who retired from Greek Radio CFMB after completing half a century of broadcasting and journalism to our community, spoke in glowing terms about the AHEPA Family of Montreal and its contributions to our community over the years. Mr. Serkos told us the story of how his parent's Armenian refugees from Asia Minor were rescued by Greek ships during the Asia Minor Catastrophe and how well they were taken care of by their Greek brothers in Greece. Please join me in congratulating Sister Rena for her devotion, professionalism and love for her community. Our congratulations to both of them for their well deserved award.

On Monday, April 4, 2011 **AHEPA Canada** joined forces with the **Canadian Hellenic Congress** and hosted a groundbreaking conference on Emerging Hellenic-Israeli Relations. There were three parts to the day-long event. In the morning part which took place at the Hellenic Community Centre, an illustrious group of leaders from the two communities came together to discuss the expanding relationship between Greece and Israel. Among the speakers were the Ambassadors of Greece and Israel to Canada H.E. **Eleftherios Anghelopoulos** and H.E. **Miriam Ziv**, The Canadian Senators the

NOTICE OF CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 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

Initiation of New Members

- Dr. Nicolas Abatzoglou
- Andreas Alevras
- Kostas Kalavriziotis
- Fotios Spetsieris
- Ioannis Zisis

Reading of Minutes

Business Arising from Minutes

Correspondence

Reports:

- President's Report
- Education
- Finance
- 20th AHEPA Invitational Golf Tournament
- Election of 89th Supreme Convention Delegates

New Business

For the Good of the Order

Closing Prayer

8:15 p.m. Adjournment of Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

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Hon. Leo Housakos, Hon. Pana Papas Merchant and the Hon, Judith Seidman, the Hon. Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, MP, the Executive Vice-President of the Canada Israel Committee Mrs. Sara Saber-Freedman, the Immediate Past President of the Federation CJA Mr. Marc Gold, the Conference Chairman Mr. Jack Jedwab, the Greek CG Mr. Thanos Kafopoulos, Philippe El Harar of the Quebec Jewish Congress and the Presidents of AHEPA Canada Bro Nick Aroutzidis and the President of the Canadian Hellenic Congress George Manolikakis. Following the welcoming remarks, there were four presentations by Professors Dr. Ken Matziorinis of McGill, Dr. Amikam Nachmani from Bar-Ilan University in Israel, Dr. Andre Gerolymatos from Simon Fraser and Dr. Harold Waller from McGill. The presentations were chaired by Dr. Theodore Halatsis and Bro Frank Antoniou. Following the business portion a lunch was served at the Hellenic Community Centre.

The afternoon portion, lasting three hours was a closed door roundtable discussion of the leadership and representatives of the two communities to discuss issues common to the two communities and to seek ways to collaborate and work for the promotion of common interests. The three main areas of concern were the ethnic trilingual schools of the two communities, cultural and academic cooperation and exchanges. Amongst the participants in the closed door meeting were the President of the HCGM Mr. Billy Balabanos, the Principal of the Socrates School Mr. Chris Adamopoulos and the Education Secretary Zoi Batsis. The meeting was chaired by Bro Ioannis Bougas who did a formidable job and was attended among others by Bro Nicholas Katalifos, Bro Leo Housakos, Sister Hellen Christodoulou Dr. Christos Karatzios and Dr. Theodore Halatsis. The roundtable meeting was held at the Gelber Centre, the community and cultural centre of the Jewish community in Montreal.

The evening portion of the event was a wine & cheese reception at the Gelber Centre in celebration of friendship between the Greek and Jewish Communities of Canada in which over 125 invited guests including the Ambassadors of Greece and Israel and many notables, business people and leaders of the two communities attended. The event was a huge success and is the start of future fruitful cooperation between the two dynamic communities. This initiative 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 took place here in Montreal. More conferences like this are being planned in Toronto, Ottawa and Western Canada, not to mention a host of future joint events that are at the preliminary planning stage.

I am very happy and proud that the two leading Greek Canadian Organizations, AHEPA and the Hellenic Congress have worked 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. The event was reported in The Suburban and TA NEA, on CTV Evening News, on CFMB Saturday radio program of Mr Tellides and Justine Frangoulis as well as the two Greek specialty Channel programs produced by John Coconas and Kostas Kalavriziotis.

Canadian AHEPA President Bro Nick Aroutzidis has joined Supreme President of AHEPA Bro Nicholas Karacostas to the annual trip to Greece, Cyprus and the Patriarchate which this year also includes a two-day visit to Israel.

Ahepa needs you and you need Ahepa!

Fraternally yours,

Bro Ken Matziorinis

Announcements and Up-coming Events

March 25th National Parade

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 is \$155 and includes hospitality night, breakfast (two days), lunch, dinner, awards and dance. See attached poster.

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

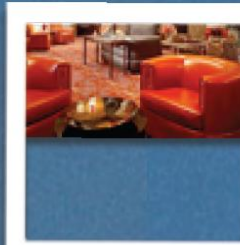
AHEPA Day Brunch

Accommodations & Convention Facility

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CONVENTION FEES

DELEGATE PACKAGE \$ 155

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AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Room Rates
\$139 Double Occupancy
\$169 Suite

Hotel Booking Deadline
May 1st 2011

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