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Report from the President



NAMING THE AHEPA MONTREAL FAMILY SCHOOL AT SHRINERS HOSPITAL

On November 16, at a brief ceremony held at the Shriners Hospital the plaque naming the Hospital's school as the "Montreal AHEPA Family School" was unveiled. Present at the ceremony were members of AHEPA who had worked for the annual Saint Valentine Balls to raise the \$250,000 for the Shriners, major donors, and members of the Board of Directors

of the Hospital. Among the invited guests in attendance were the Council General of Greece in Montreal, Mr. Thanos Kafopoulos, the president of the Greek Association of Medical Doctors, Dr Evangelia Amiralis- hadjinikolaou, and members of the Greek media.

AHEPA MEETS WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN ANKARA

Brother Lakis Kalipolidis was part of the AHEPA delegation that went to Turkey on the occasion of the 20th anniversary celebration of the enthronement of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I. The delegation also went to Ankara on October 20, 2011 and met with officials of the government of Turkey.

Here is a summary of impressions from the trip, given by Brother Laki: *"[...] In addition to the official press release that Washington H.Q. circulated, I would like to add few details that were discussed with the Turkish officials. The Turkish authorities have a very specific course of action. They see the opening of the theological school in Halki as the easiest problem to be resolved provided the Greek side indicates a place that a mosque could be built somewhere in Athens. They consider Cyprus as their number one political major problem to be resolve in the near future having as a starting point the rejected by Greek Cypriots Anan plan.*

The second in importance political problem to be resolved is the Aegean problem. The general impression that one gets when you talk face to face with these Turkish politicians is favourable to develop good

NOTICE OF CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday, November 22nd, 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

Business Arising from Minutes

Correspondence

Balloting & Initiation of New Members:

- Antonios Patrikios
- Demetrios Athanasiou

Reports:

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Hellenism
- Communications

Christmas Party

Sons of Pericles Bank Account

New Business

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”

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relations with Greece. They spoke favourably that Greece is supporting Turkey in their efforts to join Europe and also they spoke very favourably about the Patriarch Bartholomew and his personal support on this subject.

This trip was also AHEPA's participation in the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Patriarch being on the throne of the Ecumenical Christian Orthodoxy. For this occasion at the Saint George Cathedral church of Constantinople a special liturgy took place in the presence of other Orthodox Patriarchs (Serbians, Ukrainians, Georgians, Russians, Alexandrians, and autocephalous churches such as Greece and Cyprus.

The Archons of the Patriarchate organized celebrations that took place in the Hyatt Regency Hotel of Constantinople. The newly establish AHEPA chapter in Constantinople also organized an evening for the AHEPA delegation. Coincidentally among these AHEPANs two members were students of my mother when she was teaching the French language to the primary schools of Constantinople. The remaining Greek origin Constantinopolitans also organized a special event for the Patriarch Bartholomew. It was impressive that the Turkish minister, of EU affairs and chief negotiator, Egemen Bagis was present and he remembered us from our Ankara meetings and we again had the opportunity to say few words. Due to the fact that he had served in the Turkish Embassy of Washington in the past he was familiar with the role that AHEPA plays in North America and in the world [...]."

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The Canadian president of AHEPA brother George Vassilas, and brother Ioannis Bougas, represented AHEPA at the celebration of "The OXI Day and the Liberation of Thessaloniki" by the Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal.

Brother Ioannis Bougas, at the invitation of the Counsel General of Greece in Montreal, Mr. Thanos Kafopoulos, participated in the launching of a Chapter of the "Eleftherios Venizelos Foundation" in Montreal.

Brothers Ken Matziorinis, Fondas Scoufaras, and Ioannis Bougas went to the conference "MACEDONIA, the Historical Truth", held at the HCGM and organized by the Hellenic Congress of Quebec and the Macedonian Associations of Montreal. This well organized event was attended by more than 600 people, including Quebec and Canadian politicians and dignitaries.

Brother Ioannis Bougas was present at the reading of the book "The Lucky Child" by the Greek Canadian author, Marie-Anne Apostolides that was organized by the sisters of the DOP.

Fraternally,

Brother Ioannis Bougas

Announcements and Up-coming Events

Roundtable Analysis & Discussion: “Greece and the European Sovereign Debt Crisis: Where Do We Stand? Where Are We Heading?”

AHEPA together with the Hellenic Board of Trade of Greater Montreal (HBOT) and the Papachristidis Chair of Modern Greek Studies of McGill University are organizing a roundtable analysis and discussion on “Greece and the European Sovereign Debt Crisis: Where Do We Stand? Where Are We Heading?” This is going to be an important event and comes at a time that the economic situation in Europe and around the world looks so fragile and in great need of some kind of solution that can provide long term stability. I call upon all Brothers to make an effort to attend. The conference will take place on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the McGill Faculty Club (3450 McTavish Street).

AHEPA Family “Share the Cheer” Christmas Party

This year’s AHEPA Family Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 11th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Kalysta Reception Hall (3055 Boul. Cartier West, Laval). Tickets cost \$55 per person (\$25 for children 10 and under) and include a full course meal, wine, door prizes, and entertainment by Absolut Disco. For tickets and more information please contact Bro Frank Antoniou at f_antoniou@hotmail.com of Bro

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514.232.3192.

The organizers promise this to be THE Christmas party! Do not miss it!

AHEPA Career Day – Job Fair

On January 8th, 2012, the AHEPA Family will be holding a Career Day and a Job Fair. This event will take place at the HCGM’s center and will focus on assisting our community’s youth and young professionals by creating awareness and responding to their academic and future professional needs. An AHEPA Family Organizing Committee has been formed and more members are welcome to participate.

AHEPA Family 13th Annual Saint Valentine’s Ball in Support of the Giant Steps Foundation

This year’s annual Saint Valentine’s Ball is scheduled for February 11th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Palace Reception Hall (1717 le Corbusier Boul., Laval). The event is organized under the auspices of the Hon. Senator Leo Housakos and proceeds will go in support of the Giant Steps Foundation.

President's Message

(Delivered at the Naming Ceremony of the Shriners "Montreal AHEPA Family School", 16/11/2011))

Dear Dr. Drummond, dear Mr. Kafopoulos, Dr. Amirali - Hadjinikolaou, dear guests,

Thank you all for being here tonight to witness the naming of the Hospital's school after the AHEPA Family, an event that might be a little symbolic in its nature but very important for our Organizations, as it shows:

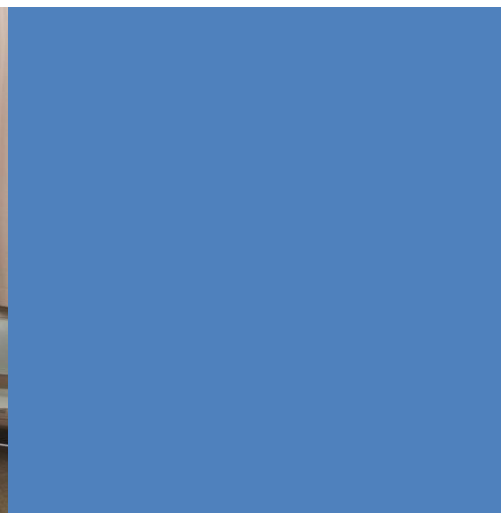
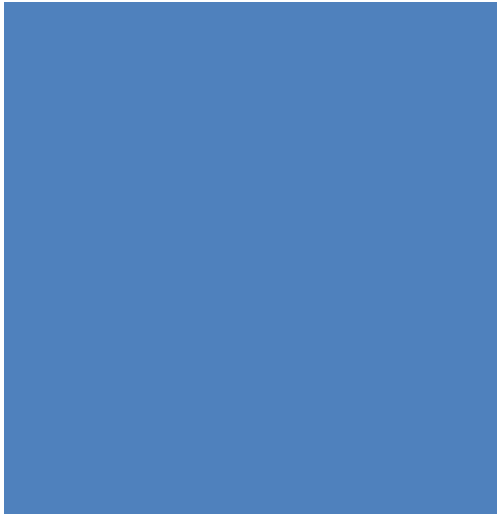
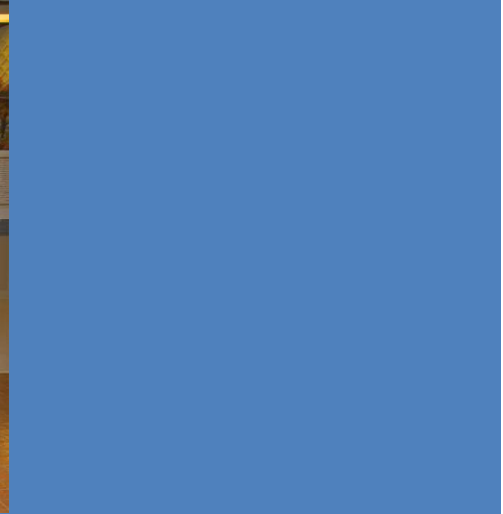
- the breadth of our interest in contributing to the well being of the community at large;
- the confidence of our donors and contributors to our fundraising drives;
- our ability to plan and carry to a successful conclusion long term fundraising projects.

For that, I want to thank all the members of the Fundraising Committees and Executive Committees that worked hard to fulfill this commitment. During the seven-year period that the drive for the Shriners school was taking place, AHEPA has also raised and contributed substantial amounts towards other childrens' causes. Most of all though, I want to thank all the donors and all the participants to our fundraising events. Without your help this accomplishment would not have been possible. I salute all of you, our contributors, for sharing part of your success in business or professional career with your community, and for making AHEPA part of your philanthropic activities. I wish you all continuous success in your endeavors and I assure you that AHEPA will continue to spearhead worthy causes and looks forward to have you by its side.

Closing my remarks, I would like to point out a happy coincidence. The President of our Montreal Chapter, Mr. George Vassilas, who initiated this project, is today the Canadian President of AHEPA.

Thank you very much!

NAMING CEREMONY OF THE AHEPA MONTREAL FAMILY SCHOOL AT SHRINERS HOSPITAL





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