



The Mount-Royal Chapter Herald

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Report from the President

2011 AHEPA Installations

This year's Installation ceremony for the AHEPA family was held on Sunday, September 25, at the Chateau Royal in Laval, accompanied by a well stocked buffet brunch, and attended by over 120 members, family and friends of AHEPA. The main ceremony was combined with:

- the 2011 Ahepan of the year award to brother Nick Katalifos
- a Certificate of Appreciation to past President, brother Ken Matziorinis
- the presentation of AHEPA scholarships to two very worthy winners, Despina Mandilaras and Sotiris Delimanolis
- Presentation of 20 years service pins to brothers: Frank Antoniou, Ken Matziorinis, Peter Papadopoulos, George Sinoyiannis, Fondas Scoufaras, and George Vassilas.
- Presentation of 30 years of service pin to brother Spyros Sakkas.
- Presentation of past President's pin to brother Ken Matziorinis and President's pin to brother Ioannis Bougas

It was truly a wonderful event.

District 23 Annual Learning Conference and CEGA (Celebrating Excellence in Greek Achievement) Awards

- On October 14-15 the annual District 23 Learning Conference took place in Toronto. This year's theme

NOTICE OF CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 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

Reports:

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Hellenism: A Lecture on AOZ and the Aegean Sea
- Education
- Communications

Placement of Extra Cash

St. Valentine's Ball

Christmas Party

Park n Fly Rate Reduction for AHEPA members

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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was Leadership and it had great success. The Montreal Chapter had a big presence, including 3 members of the executive – Ioannis Bougas, Peter Scoufaras, Yannis Panagiotou- and 6 brothers – George Vassilas, Denis Georgakis, Fondas Scoufaras, Lakis Kalipolidis, Ken Matziorinis, Peter Pappas.

- On Saturday night, October 15, the 1st CEGA Awards dinner, organized by the Toronto AHEPA Chapter, was held at the old Royal York (Fairmont) hotel. The event was a major success witnessed by a sold out crowd, including the brothers who attended the District Conference, plus brother Angelo Sekkas. Among the five recipients of the CEGA awards, was our past president of AHEPA Canada, Nick Aroutzidis, who received the Civic Responsibility award.

In all, it was a memorable evening and weekend spent with AHEPAN brothers and sisters

The Association for the Development of Research and Innovation of Quebec (ADRIQ) has nominated Brother Dr. George Abatzoglou, holder of the Pfizer Research Chair, for the Price of Technological Partnership. We offer him our congratulations.

Fraternally,

Brother Ioannis Bougas

Announcements and Up-coming Events

Roundtable Analysis & Discussion: “Greece and the European Sovereign Debt Crisis”

On Wednesday, November 23, AHEPA, together with the HBOT and the Papachristidis Chair of Modern Greek Studies of McGill Univ., are organizing a Roundtable Analysis & Discussion on “Greece and the European Sovereign Debt Crisis”. The conference will take place at the McGill Faculty Club. A detailed announcement will be sent later.

AHEPA Family Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas Party for the AHEPA Family in late November or early December. The date, place, and format TBD.

AHEPA Career Day – Job Fair

On January 8, 2012, the AHEPA Family will be holding a Career Day - Job Fair event at the HCGM’s center. An AHEPA Family Organizing Committee has been formed. More members are welcomed to participate.

AHEPA Annual Saint Valentine’s Ball

The annual Saint Valentine’s Ball is scheduled to be held on February 11, 2012.

President's Message

(At the Installation Ceremony, 25/09/2011)

Consul General of Greece, Brothers and Sisters of the AHEPA Family, scholarship recipients and proud parents, Ahepan of the Year, dear guests.

I welcome you and thank you all for your presence here today in this important day for our Order. I would like to also thank my brothers in AHEPA for electing me President of this esteemed Organization. I hope that I will be able to honour the position by working diligently with the rest of the Executive Board and all the members to promote the goals and ideals of AHEPA and continue its work serving the needs of our community.

I would also like to congratulate the newly elected Executive Boards of all the other AHEPA Family organizations and in particular their Presidents. Sister **Hellen Christodoulou - President of DOP, Peter Xatzigeorgiou - President of the Sons of Pericles, and Ioanna Siontas - President of the Maids of Athena.**

AHEPA is the largest and oldest Hellenic heritage organization in the world, working on behalf of its members to serve and promote Hellenism worldwide. I do not want to tire you with a long speech, listing the accomplishments of our Montreal Chapter, but I cannot refrain from mentioning at least two of them. The successful completion of our pledge to donate \$250,000 to the Shriners Hospital for Children, an achievement that shows the high level of confidence that our community places on AHEPA, and organizing together with the Canadian Hellenic Congress on the Greek side, the Hellenic-Jewish Community Conference in Montreal.

Our executive, working together with the sisters DOP and our youth will continue the work of AHEPA, thus fulfilling its mission which is *"to promote the ideals of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence. While* we represent only our members, with their approval, we can work on any project that benefits Hellenism and its standing in the community at large. No one should feel surprised by our involvement, nor threatened in any way. There is enough work for all Hellenic organizations and each one should be judged by its contact, results, and external recognition.

Before closing my remarks, I would like to congratulate our newly elected Canadian President of AHEPA, Brother George Vassilas, Brother Nick Katalifos, a most worthy recipient of our Ahepan of the Year Award, and our Scholarship recipients, Despina Mandilara and Sotiri Delimanoli. Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the two co-chairs of today's event, Frank Antoniou and Yiota Efraimidis for their excellent work in organizing this event.

Thank you very much!



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