

DOP Announce Selection of Hon. Eleni Bakopanos as 2010 Salute to Women Honouree



The Salute to Women Committee is pleased to announce the selection of the Honorable Eleni Bakopanos, Privy Council, as this year's honouree.

"We couldn't be more proud to be able to recognize our first Canadian recipient of this award at the AHEPA Family National Convention in Montreal, Canada," shares Chairman for this year's Salute, Past Grand President Demi Kapolis. "Ms. Bakopanos is a member of the Daughters of Penelope chapter in Montreal and being able to accept this award with her home Chapter and family will be a unique and exciting experience for our honoree."

Ms. Bakopanos is presently the Senior Advisor for Government Relations for McGill University, where she provides strategic and political advice to the Principal of McGill University, the Executive Head of Public Affairs, and all senior administrators of McGill University. Ms Bakopanos earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in history and political science from McGill University and she is pleased to serve her alma mater.

Ms. Bakopanos is the first Greek-born woman elected to the Canadian House of Commons. She was first elected in the Saint-Denis riding in 1993, and then elected to the House of Commons in 1997. She was re-elected in 2000 and 2004.

Ms. Bakopanos has served as a member of the Association of Business and Professional Women of Montreal since 1981; the board of United Way in Montreal since 1991; and the Association for Promotion and Socio-Economic Development of Eastern Montreal. She is a former member of the Consultation Committee for the International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination Montreal Reg.; the Multisectorial Committee for International Year of the Family; the Montreal Consultation Committee for Black History Month; and the Montreal Advisory Committee for the Year of Intercultural and Interracial Harmony.



Ms. Bakopanos was incredibly instrumental in the adoption of Canada's Commemorative Stamp in 2003 to honour AHEPA Canada's 75th Anniversary. This was the first time in Canada Post's history that a commemorative stamp was issued recognizing a Hellenic Organization in Canada. An honour not only for AHEPA but also for all Canadians of Hellenic origin. This was also the first time that any government in the world so honoured the AHEPA Family.

Ms. Bakopanos is originally from Argos, Greece. She is married to Constantine Geropapas and has two daughters, Athena and Vasilike.

We are pleased to introduce you to this year's honouree and look forward to seeing you at the
"Salute to Women" Reception
on Friday, July 16, 2010 from 2-4 pm
at the Delta Centre-Ville Hotel in Montreal, Canada.

*Please consider making a donation to this lovely affair
by a way of benefactor as listed in the flyer attached.*

*We invite you all to attend this momentous occasion, and show Sister Eleni how proud we are
of her accomplishments.
Admission is free.*