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District 20 Secretary Report
by
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Visitations

I visited the following eleven (11) chapters during the 2001-2002 Ahepa year:

District	Chapter	Chapter Name	Location
20	152	Hesperia	Los Angeles, California
20	220	Ventura	Ventura, California
20	223	San Diego	San Diego, California
20	243	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, California
20	318	Hollywood	Hollywood, California
20	342	Long Beach	Long Beach, California
20	373	Rose Bowl	Pasadena, California
20	411	Disneyland	Anaheim, California
20	412	San Fernando	San Fernando, California
20	442	Burbank-Glendale	Burbank-Glendale, California
20	505	George Polos	North San Diego, California

Accomplishments

I created the Ahepa 20 District website, www.ahepa20.org, and maintained it throughout the year at no charge. I created a district wide e-mail list, members@ahempa20.org. Along with District Treasurer Zachary Prineas, I created e-commerce that allowed us to accept Visa and MasterCard online. I created the first online registration for the district conference and district convention. I fulfilled e-commerce orders for all items including embroidered polo shirts.

I developed the first Ahepa Family Networking Conference held at the District Convention in Del Mar, California. I created the first Ahepa Networking Directory, distributed at the district convention as well as posted on the district website. The directory includes basic information on our organization, its history, as well as contact information. It can be used as a new member welcome packet.

In February 2002, I attended the District Conference in Long Beach, California. I lectured on the "Power of the Internet" to both Ahepans and Daughters of Penelope members. With District Governor Chris Mellas' assistance, we made a live presentation on the new district website. I presented a slide show on St. Anthony's Monastery in Florence, Arizona.

In February 2002, I sponsored with District Treasurer Zachary Prineas, a football Super Bowl

party fundraiser that earned \$500 for St. Anthony's Monastery in Florence, Arizona.

I attended the Project Mexico fundraiser in Laguna Beach along with other members of the District Lodge.

I attended the Tournament of Roses coronation lunch along with other members of the District Lodge.

In October 2001, I attended the Rose Bowl Chapter's annual Halloween glendi and dance.

In October 2001, I visited St. Anthony's monastery along with other members of the District Lodge.

In August 2001, I attended the Supreme Convention in Puerto Rico along with other members of the District Lodge.

Recommendations

I recommend that we start to record our history and try to keep "how to" information available on the district website. When I took over as District Secretary, I received nothing — no jewels, no briefcase, no forms, nothing at all. If we post our information on the web, it will not only be available to district and chapter officers, it will be there for candidates who may want to know what responsibilities are required of a particular district lodge office.

I strongly urge that all candidates for district lodge be at the minimum, proficient in the Internet including both e-mail and web browsing, and word processing. I recommend that all candidates try to learn Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint.

I recommend that the district lodge work to create benefits for members. Once those benefits are defined/created, a tri-fold brochure should be created to help market our organization.

Sincerely,

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