

Report of the District Governor - Dean S. Tripodes 2003-2004

June 24, 2004

Visitations:

District Lodge visited the following fourteen (14) chapters during the 2003-2004 Ahepa year:

District	Chapter	Chapter Name	Location
20	220	Ventura	Ventura, California*
20	223	San Diego	San Diego, California
20	233	Neptune	San Pedro, California*
20	243	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, California
20	275	Arizona	Tucson, Arizona
20	302	Arrowhead	San Bernardino, California
20	314	Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Nevada
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	426	South Bay	Redondo Beach, California*
20	442	Burbank-Glendale	Burbank-Glendale, California
20	527	Orange Coast	Irvine, California

** Visitation without the District Governor*

Although we were unable to visit every chapter, we made a good faith effort to visit every chapter that contacted us and made reasonable arrangements for District Lodge.

Lodge Liaison Assignments:

Chapter	Chapter Name	Location	Liaison
1 146	Beehive	Salt Lake City, Utah	George Makris (1)
2 152	Hesperia	Los Angeles, California	Greg Mallis (1)
3 197	Imperial Valley	El Centro, California	George Makris (2)
4 220	Ventura	Ventura, California	Greg Mallis (2)
5 223	San Diego	San Diego, California	John Pappas (1)
6 224	Bakersfield	Bakersfield, California	Greg Mallis (3)
7 233	Neptune	San Pedro, California	Zachary Prineas (1)
8 243	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, California	Greg Mallis (4)
9 275	Arizona	Tucson, Arizona	George Makris (3)

10	302	Arrowhead	San Bernardino, California	Zachary Prineas (2)
11	314	Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Nevada	Paul Poulos (1)
12	318	Hollywood	Hollywood, California	Greg Mallis (5)
13	342	Long Beach	Long Beach, California	Zachary Prineas (3)
14	373	Rose Bowl	Pasadena, California	Greg Mallis (6)
15	411	Disneyland	Anaheim, California	Zachary Prineas (4)
16	412	San Fernando	San Fernando, California	Zachary Prineas (5)
17	426	South Bay	Redondo Beach, California	Zachary Prineas (6)
18	442	Burbank-Glendale	Burbank-Glendale, California	Zachary Prineas (7)
19	444	Heartland	El Cajon, California	John Pappas (2)
20	454	Tri-City	Chandler, Arizona	Paul Poulos (2)
21	462	Paradise Valley	Paradise Valley, Arizona	Paul Poulos (3)
22	466	Golden West	Covina, California	Greg Mallis (7)
23	505	George Polos	North San Diego, California	John Pappas (3)
24	527	Orange Coast	Irvine, California	John Pappas (4)
25	528	Coachella Valley	Palm Desert, California	John Pappas (5)

District Programs Update:

1. Preeminence of AHEPA among Hellenic organizations within its sphere of influence. The lodge has been active in attending events and keeping visible. We have met with the Consul General of Greece, Dimitrios Zevelakis, on several occasions. We supported the Ambassador of Greece’s visit, as well as Greek Independence Day.
2. Membership. We have worked hard to retain and support our existing chapters.
3. AHEPA Housing. Co-Chairmen Nick Angelos and Peter Triantafyllos have been working with San Bernardino to re-submit their application.
4. Sons of Pericles. District Lodge visited with Andy Ruboyianes, Sons Supreme Governor from Tucson, Arizona. We have promoted their events online.
5. Ahepa20.org Website - Continue to promote the best form of communication throughout the District.

Accomplishments:

Established affinity benefits for members including discounts at Universal Studios, Sea World, Elephant Bar Restaurant, and Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park.

Created the first “shrink-wrapped” El Camino Real Newsletter. Designed and edited two (2) issues of the El Camino Real Newsletter.

Developed the third annual Ahepa Family Networking Conference held at the District Convention in Pasadena, California. I created the third annual Ahepa Networking Directory, distributing 500 copies at the District Convention as well as posting it on the District website **www.ahepa20.org/directory**. 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. Special thanks to Nick Edwards and Queen Beach Printers who made a substantial donation to the printing.

Maintained the Ahepa 20 District website, **www.ahepa20.org** throughout the year at no charge. I fulfilled e-commerce orders for all items including online District Conference and District Convention registration.

In February 2004, I ran the District Conference in Anaheim, California. Special thanks to Past District Governor Chris Mellas on his assistance in hosting the event.

In May 2004, I visited St. Anthony’s monastery along with other members of the District Lodge.

In November 2003, I attended the Santa Barbara Glendi.

In October 2003, I attended the Rose Bowl Chapter’s annual Halloween glendi and dance.

I attended the Tournament of Roses® Coronation luncheon along with other members of the District Lodge.

In July 2003, I attended the Supreme Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona along with other members of

the District Lodge.

Recommendations:

As mentioned last year, I recommend that we start to record our history and try to keep “how to” information available on the District website. If we post our information on the website, 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 the spreadsheet application Microsoft Excel, the slide show application Microsoft PowerPoint, and the desktop publishing application Microsoft Publisher.

I recommend that the District Lodge continue to work to establish more membership benefits. Once additional benefits are set up, a tri-fold brochure should be created to help market our organization.

Conclusion:

The reports that follow will update you on the state of the District. Please read them, and as delegates bring them back to your chapter so you can update the membership in September.

As my year as District Governor nears completion, I would like to thank all of the chapters that gave me such a warm welcome when I visited. Also, I want to thank the District 20 Lodge and the Past District Governors for their continued support and advice. Three individuals helped make this year go especially smoothly for me: Chris Mellas - PDG and District 20 Advisor, Lyle Hochberger - PDG and PSG, and Joanne Saltas - Daughters District 20 Governor. I thank them, and all of you for continuing to work for the AHEPA Family.

Sincerely,

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District 20 Governor