

**REPORT OF LT. GOVERNOR GEORGE MAKRIS
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In September, I visited Chapter 223 in San Diego to participate in the chapter's honoring of two past presidents, Brothers Constantine D. Buzunis and John Rougas, for their many years of service to the AHEPA family of San Diego.

In October, I was invited to attend a meeting of the Tri City chapter #454 in Chandler, AZ. Many thanks to the president of the chapter, Brother Telis Evripidou, for his chapter's hospitality. Tri City is a growing chapter of over 100 members strong.

Chapter #275 in Tucson initiated 13 members into the Order of AHEPA in November. The chapter participated in a multi ethnic celebration in downtown Tucson during the weekend of October 10th through October 12th, and was successful in grossing more than \$9,400. Arizona Chapter #275 continues to thrive, with a chapter scholarship fund exceeding \$100,000.00 and a very active Sons of Pericles Chapter, among whose members is the Supreme President of the Sons of Pericles.

In December the AHEPA family of Tucson hosted a Christmas Party for the St Demetrios Community of Tucson. During the evening, Certificates of Scholarship were given to students who qualified for scholarships from Arizona Chapter #275. The Tucson Chapter has issued over 150 scholarships in the past 30 years to the youth of Southern Arizona. The scholarship funds exceed \$100,000.00.

In January I attended the mid-year District Conference hosted by the San Pedro AHEPA family.

In April I attended a meeting of the District Scholarship Committee in Los Angeles. Also in April I visited the Tri City Chapter #454 In Chandler, AZ. Tri City #454 has established a Hellenic Educational Cultural Foundation to further education and perpetuation of our Hellenic Heritage. Tri City has also purchased one acre of land in Queen Creek, AZ for investment purposes. The appraised value of the property is in excess of \$35,000. In January they hosted a dinner dance to benefit the Hellenic Educational Cultural Foundation. In attendance were

the Honorable Dimitri Zevelakis, Consul General of Greece in Los Angeles, and the Honorable Connie Contes, Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona. The Tri City #454 Chapter has also hosted an Oxi Day Celebration and a Greek Independence Day celebration.

I have been working with Brother Pete Moroudas in Phoenix, who has reactivated Chapter #462 in Paradise Valley, AZ. This chapter has over 30 new members and is planning a golf tournament in September. Brother Chris Evangelidis is starting a new chapter in Scottsdale, AZ. This new chapter has a base of 20 new members and continues to show promise for the future.

In May I visited Beehive Chapter of Salt Lake City with Supreme Treasurer Pete Kotzambasis and District Secretary Pete Triantafyllos. We visited the proposed AHEPA Senior Housing Project site and met with members of the chapter, as well as Daughters of Penelope PDG Joanne Saltas. Beehive Chapter has raised money for their housing project by holding a Christmas party and other fundraising events. On May 21st I traveled to Las Vegas to visit with the AHEPA family of Las Vegas. I met with the officers and members of the AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope. I enjoyed the afternoon of brotherhood and dialogue with everyone attending the meeting.

I have enjoyed my term as Lt. Governor. I would like to thank Supreme Treasurer Pete Kotzambasis, Past Supreme Governor and PDG Steve Tripodes, PDG Lyle Hochberger, and PDG Dean Tripodes for their support this year, and a special thank you to District Governor Zachary Prineas for his help.

Our District is growing. We have the opportunity to increase our membership throughout the District. If each of us brings in one new member, just think how fast our district would grow. We have growth potential in Arizona, with one reactivated chapter and one new chapter, and there is an opportunity to establish a new chapter in Flagstaff, AZ. We must work diligently in the area of recruiting new members and reinstating old members.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Lt. Governor.

Fraternally,

Lt. Governor Brother George Makris