

# DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

El Camino Real District #20  
Southern California, Arizona, Las Vegas, NV, Hawaii  
Christine Markos, District Governor  
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Dear Sisters,

Thank you for the honor of electing me as your new District Governor! The Daughters of Penelope holds a very special place in my heart and I am extremely proud to represent our district. I look forward to embarking on this new adventure and working with all of you with great enthusiasm.

I am pleased to announce our district's slate of officers for 2016-2017 as elected at the WRDC in Anaheim:

Cathy Keyser	Lt. Governor
Virginia Noyes	Secretary
Mary Bowen	Treasurer
Rene Grevas	Marshall
Valerie Katsikis	District Advisor
Sofie Batshoun	Maids of Athena District Advisor

**WRDC:** The Western Regional District Convention held this past June was a great success! We all embraced familiar faces and enjoyed meeting new friends from Districts 17, 20, 21 and 22. Congratulations to the entire WRDC committee for their hard work and dedication in putting on such a wonderful event. We were honored to have Grand President Connie Pilallis, Grand Treasurer Diane Petersen, and Grand Governor Zone IV and our Liaison Katherine Karafotias in attendance.

At this convention it was decided that the biannual WRDC will be held in Reno in 2018, 2020 and 2022. If you missed this year's convention be sure to plan your calendar for the next one! Guide Dogs of America will remain our District Project.

One of highlights of this year's district convention was the election of Niki Pallas as District 20 Penelope of The Year! Each year our district elects a recipient who is recognized as an outstanding Daughter of Penelope, who excels in contributions and service to the Daughters of Penelope throughout her many years of service, as well as having participated significantly in the Greek Community, to civic and charitable organizations, to various civic endeavors, and has served and provided unselfish assistance to the Daughters of Penelope and her community. This honor could not have been given to a more deserving sister. Niki has been a member of the Daughters for over 23 years. She has served our District as MOA Advisor, Treasurer, Lt. Governor, and two terms as District Governor as well as District Advisor. She has also served on the Daughters National Lodge as Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena. Over the years Niki

has actively participated in conferences and conventions at district and national levels including WRDC Co-Chair in 2014. This year at our National convention she served as Chairman of the Grievance committee and at past conventions has chaired the Budget and Finance committee, the MOA committee, and has served as Credentials chair. She has also served on the DOP Foundation for two years. Niki's commitment and love for the Daughters of Penelope is commendable and very much appreciated. Bravo!

Scholarships: Another WRDC highlight was that District 20 was able to award \$25,500 in scholarships to sixteen worthy students! It is so heartwarming to see and hear from these recipients at the scholarship luncheon. As always we encourage members and Chapters to support our scholarship program as these young adults will be the future of our organization!

**Supreme Convention:** This year's 94th Annual AHEPA Family Supreme Convention was held in Las Vegas, Nevada and was well attended. I am pleased to announce that the delegates of the Supreme Convention of the Daughters of Penelope (DOP) elected Jan Spanos Grand President for 2016-2017. We congratulate our new Grand President and salute her many accomplishments.

In addition to Grand President Spanos, the following individuals were elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge:

Grand Vice President Eva Jean Fomalont of Albuquerque, N.M.  
Grand Secretary Diane Petersen of Sacramento, CA  
Grand Treasurer Aspa Kostopoulos of Ontario, Canada  
Grand Governor Zone I Lili Respass of Worcester, MA  
Grand Governor Zone II Dorothea Williams of Saint Claire Shores, MI  
Grand Governor Zone III Kathy Papadimitropoulos of Aurora, CO  
Grand Governor Zone IV Katherine Karafotias of Portland, OR  
Grand Governor Zone V Celia Kachmarski of Calgary, Canada  
Grand Advisor to the Maids of Athena Kathy Zotos of Munster, IN

Grand Governor Zone II Dorothea Williams will also serve as our District Liaison and we are most grateful for her support. Please be sure to include her on your Chapter bulletins and other communications. Dorothea's e-mail is: wdorothea@aol.com and her address is 21925 Shore Pointe Lane, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080 Cell: (313) 549-9387.

Congratulations to Celia Kachmarski who was honored as 2016-2017 International Penelope of the Year! Sister Celia has a long and impressive list of accomplishments.

The Supreme Convention in 2017 (July) will be held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

**Upcoming Events:** NOV 19 – Founders Day Hosted by EOS #1.  
Registration form for this event is attached.

Mid-Winter Conference will tentatively be held in Tucson, Arizona. More information to follow once plans are confirmed.

**District Lodge Fundraiser:** The key to finding your keys! This year we are selling purse key finders for \$10.00. They are extremely handy and make an excellent gift. Please contact me or a lodge member for info.

**Visitations and District Lodge Support:** I will be contacting each chapter soon so that we could set up a visitation schedule. Please send me advance information on upcoming chapter events, photos and activities so they can be included on our Facebook page and share as appropriate in future monthly bulletins.

Please visit our District and National Websites and Facebook pages for a wealth of information.

District 20 Website [www.dopdistrict20.org/](http://www.dopdistrict20.org/)

National Websites [www.daughtersofpenelope.org/](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/)  
<http://ahepa.org/ahepa/>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DOPDistrict20>

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [chrismarkos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrismarkos@sbcglobal.net) or at (818) 613-7588.

Wishing you all a successful year and congratulations to all the newly elected officers.

In Theta Pi,

Christine Markos

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