

Daughters of Penelope

El Camino Real District #20
Southern California, Arizona, Las Vegas, NV,
December 2018

Dear Sisters,

First I would like to say that we are all praying for all the families in California who have lost loved ones. Our thoughts are with them and if we can help in any way please let me know.

I would also like to acknowledge my district advisor, Christine Markos. I inadvertently omitted my good friend as well as my advisor in my last bulletin.

The holidays are upon us. The month of November gives us the opportunity to gather with friends and family around the table and give thanks . I know I am thankful for my family and friends and for the chance to meet so many wonderful sisters. November is also the month the Daughters of Penelope was founded by Alexandra Apostolides... Eos Chapter #1 was formed with 25 members on November 16, 1929 in San Francisco.

December, Christmas time, is also filled with family visits, good food, outings to see beautiful lights and also to reflect upon the year and how much we have accomplished.

September

On September 21-23 I attended the District Governors Seminar in Washington DC. There was a reception on Friday night at the Ahepa Headquarters to meet with fellow Ahepan and Daughters District Governors. It was a full day of meetings Saturday for the seminar held at the DuPont Hotel followed by a baseball game at Nationals Stadium. The information presented by the Grand Lodge and Elena was extremely helpful, especially for a first time district governor.

October

On October 27 our District Lodge hosted the multi chapter visitation at the St John Greek Orthodox Church Hall in Anaheim. It was a good turnout with several chapters present. Topics discussed ..Upcoming events, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation Book Club...how to access the information, how to be part of the book discussion and where to purchase the book. Please go on the Daughters of Penelope Foundation website and explore all the information it offers.. Another piece of information was how those who travel to Greece have the ability to go to the Ahepa wing of the hospital as long as the member has a letter documenting membership. We will discuss this at the midwinter... Hyperia Chapter 94 president Evonne Dabkovich, thanked our members for all the support and gift cards given at the shower last year for families affected by the fire. It was a very fun filled informative day and it was wonderful to see and hear from our sisters... Finally there was discussion about how to increase membership, concerns by some about the amount of the dues , and chapter fundraising ideas . Thank you to all who participated and to the district lodge .

November

I attended Helenos #432 Daughters of Penelope picnic and fundraiser. The picnic was well attended. The food was delicious.

Upcoming Events

Mid-Winter Conference: We will be having the **District 20 Mid-Winter Conference** in Long Beach California at Assumption Cultural Center Saturday January 19, 2019. . Ahepa Chapter 342 and Daughters Chapter #159 will be hosting the conference .These chapters have been working to make sure this weekend is successful but they need our help. Please encourage your members to attend the conference and place an ad in the ad book. The conference this year will provide a continental breakfast and lunch. The application is on the Daughters website. We will have our morning session and then in the afternoon we are fortunate to have the Grand Lodge of the Daughters providing a seminar for our district 20 members attending as well as sisters from districts 17, 21, and 22. It will be a great opportunity to meet our Grand Lodge, as well as Elena Saviolakos, the Daughters of Penelope, executive director. We will be able to ask questions, give feedback to the lodge

about our chapters and provide insight into how we can be helped .. There will be a Western Regional Supreme Banquet on Saturday evening. The location is the Holiday Inn by the Long Beach Airport.. Please go to the Daughters website and register for these events. It is so important to meet with one another and to hear from one another. Registration **deadline** is **January 7, 2019**

District Raffle

The raffle tickets have been mailed out to the chapters by our District Lt. Governor Sofie Batshoun. She has enclosed a self addressed envelope to submit your money. Please help support our district. The tickets are 5.00 each and there are three prizes. a 250, 150, and 100 prize. The winning tickets will be drawn at the mid-winter luncheon and the winner does not need to be present.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Conference will be held in Chandler, Arizona on **April 6, 2019**. Sisters from Districts 17, 20, 21 and 22 are included in this event. This year it is being hosted by Aegina Chapter 340. The chapter has been working to make this a great event. There are shuttles to the hotel and the hotel rate is very reasonable. Registration is 55.00 and the registration form is on our website. Registration **deadline** is **March 25, 2019**.

District Convention

June 7-9 Chandler Arizona

Reminders

Any remaining **dues** for 2018 must be postmarked to headquarters no later than **December 31, 2018**. Delegate numbers for the Supreme Convention are based on the number of members that per capita tax has been paid on.

Incentives

During the month of **December** when a new member or reinstated member pays the appropriate fees it will count for 2018/2019.

During the months of **January/February** members who reinstate will pay 15.00. **The application must be postmarked during those months.**

District and National websites as well as **Facebook** addresses

District 20 Website www.dopdistrict20.org/

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

District 20 Ahepa AhepaDistrict20.org

Daughters/Ahepa www.daughtersofpenelope.org/

<http://ahepa.org/>

Penelope Scroll penelopescroll@gmail.com

Deadline **January 15, 2019**

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!**

Yours in Theta Pi,

Cathy Keyser

District Governor