Daughters of Penelope

El Camino Real District #20

Southern California, Arizona, Las Vegas, NV, Hawaii

Catherine Keyser, District Governor

September 2018

*Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.”   
―****Muhammad Ali***

Dear Sisters,

It is an honor to have been elected to the office of District Governor. I look forward to working with all of you to continue our growth in District 20.

I would like to introduce our District Lodge officers for 2018-2019

Sofie Batshoun Lt. Governor

Adrienne Bell Secretary

Martha Dratsiotis Treasurer

Rene Grevas Marshall

Rena Bornstein Maids Advisor

The **Western Regional District Convention** (WRDC) was held in Reno Nevada this past June. Districts 17,20,21,22 were in attendance. Congratulations to the committee members for their hard work. It was very successful and we were fortunate to have our Grand President ***EvaJean Fomlont*** and Grand Governor ***Demi Cross*** present for our meetings. They offered their expertise and encouragement to all the delegates present at the WRDC.

**Highlights of the convention:**

* Congratulations to Sofie Batshoun Minos Chapter 159 as this year’s Penelope of the Year for District 20
* Guide Dogs of America was once again selected as our Daughter’s District Project
* Metropolitan Nikitas spoke to our delegation on the perils of Trafficking
* Scholarships were awarded to our hardworking students
* Sisterhood Breakfast with the Supreme President Carl Hollister speaking at the event

The **Supreme Convention** was held in Atlantic City this past July. We had several sisters present from District 20.

**Highlights of the convention**

* Warriors Project presentation to the Ahepa delegation
* International koulouraki contest
* Salute to Women
* Presentation of the movie Faith Hope & Love by Robert Krantz
* Congratulations to our Penelope of the Year Helen Nicholas of Loveland Ohio for 2018-2019 Calypso Chapter #13 District 11

Congratulations to the newly elected Grand Lodge Officers especially to the ***Grand President Demi Thomas*** who started with the Ahepa as a Maid of Athena in District 20, forty years ago.

And to ***Georgette Boulegeris***, Grand Treasurer and liaison to our district. Just a reminder to add Georgette to your email of your Chapter bulletins and other pertinent communications.

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**District Lodge Fundraiser** is our royal blue luggage grip with the Daughters insignia and the phrase *Kalo Taxidi*. It’s irresistible, and there is a picture on our Daughters District 20 website under shop.

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

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

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

District 20 Ahepa <https://AhepaDistrict20.org>

Daughters/Ahepa [www.daughtersofpenelope.org/](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org/)

<http://ahepa.org/ahepa>

**Upcoming events:**

**October 27**  Multichapter visitation

Anaheim CA

**January 19** Midwinter Conference

Regional Banquet

Long Beach CA

**April 6** Sisterhood Conference

Chandler AZ

**June 7-9** District 20 Convention

Chandler AZ

**June 30-July** 5 Supreme Convention

Chicago IL

I look forward in our future visitations with each of the chapters this coming year. I would welcome hearing from each and everyone of you!

Yours in Theta Pi,

Cathy Keyser

District Governor