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I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays & were able to be with family.

We had our Mid-Winter Conference at “Sea” on the weekend of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. After a few delays, due to inclement weather, our ship sailed at 9pm on Friday night & returned to port on Monday morning at 8:30am. We did not have a very good turn out, although, those of us who did go, had a great time.

I am sorry to inform you, that our Grand Governor Jan Spanos was unable to join us on the cruise, due to the unexpected death of her Aunt. Our condolences go out to Sister Jan from all of us in District 20. We have also lost another long time Sister in Arizona. Maria Fakonas passed away on Sunday, Jan. 31.

We were able to have a joint meeting with our brother AHEPANS on Saturday morning, January 30 between breakfast & lunch on board ship. It was an informal meeting. Brother Bill Lambropoulos gave a brief up date on the Los Angeles Marathon and urged everyone to consider participating, if possible, in recognition of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Marathon to be celebrated in Greece in October. We both also urged everyone to attend our forthcoming District Convention, June 10,11,12 in Palm Springs, CA.

We held the drawing for the Raffle. The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize Ritsa Zervas, UT, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Josephine Avaneas, AZ, & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Tula Kartanze, AZ. Congratulations to the winners!!!

I am pleased to announce that a new Maids chapter has been added to our District. The girls are from Anaheim,CA. Chris Mellas, from the sponsoring Anaheim AHEPA chapter will be the girls’ advisor as there is not a DOP chapter there yet. We are hoping to get one going soon. Congratulations to Niki Pallas, our Maids of Athena District Advisor and Maids GG Angela Armstrong, for a job well done.

I hope you all remembered that Per Capita dues were due the end of December, Membership dues are now due for 2010.

I will be visiting Las Vegas in April & hopefully Salt Lake City in March. Tucson & San Diego are yet to be determined.

The AHEPA Supreme President Nicholas Karacostas will be making a visitation to District 20 in February. Please check with your local AHEPA chapters to see where he will be visiting &, if at all possible, show your support as a Daughter & try to be at one of his visits. I know he will be in the following cities: Encino, CA, Los Angeles, CA, San Diego, CA & Phoenix, Az.

Remember these dates: May 1<sup>st</sup> Sisterhood - Portland, OR, June 10 – 12 District Convention in Palm Springs, CA. Please, make every effort to attend both the Sisterhood & the District Convention.

Now, I would like to give a big THANK YOU to our Sister Georgia Gastouniotis, Delos #103, Santa Barbara, for putting together our Mid - Winter Conference. Sister Georgia really worked hard. She brought it to the Convention for a vote and once we

voted, she went to work. She dealt with the Travel Agency & kept us informed of every little detail. Thank you, Georgia, I’m so glad you are in our District.

Yours in Theta Pi,

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