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Dear Sisters:

We have entered into that time of year for reflection, concentration, and focus. As we experience our Lenten journey and prepare for Pascha, we are reminded of the greatest sacrifice of all. During this fasting period, certain foods are not the only things we should abstain from. Fast from criticism, self-pity, ill temper, and resentment. Feast on praise, joy, peace, and contentment. Fast from jealousy, selfishness, fear, and bitterness. Feast on humility, service, faith, and forgiveness.

Getting to Know You: On February 12, I traveled to Amphitrite Chapter 151 in San Bernardino. They held a joint Past Presidents luncheon along with their brother AHEPA Lodge at their Senior Housing Facility. Dee Gallanes was honored for her many years of service. Congratulations, Dee!

Philia Chapter 380 in San Diego invited the District Lodge to join them for their "Spirit of Greece" Celebration on February 25. A wonderful celebration! Tables were set up with pictures, foods, and memorabilia from different cities and regions of Greece. Music, food, and dancing. OPA Jeanette!

On March 11, I met with Alkandre Chapter 43 and Melita Chapter 119 in Los Angeles at St. Sophia's brand new Community Center. The sisters prepared several delicious potluck dishes. A "Puppy Trainer" from Guide Dogs of America brought one of the puppies in training and gave us a delightful presentation. Thank you, Fay and Athena, for a delightful weekend!

Upcoming Events:

Sisterhood Conference is scheduled for April 20-22, 2012 in Torrance, CA. Districts 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22 will participate. We are honored to have our Grand President, Nicky Stamoulis, as one of the Grand Officers attending. Chairman Mary Pruitt and her committee have been working very hard to make this an affair to remember. Get your reservations in now! The hotel is running out of rooms.

District Convention is scheduled for June 8-10, 2012 in Phoenix, AZ at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel. The Friday night Glendi will be held at Athena Greek Restaurant in Scottsdale. Local entertainers, "Grecian Express", will be featured at the Grand Banquet on Saturday night. In addition to the Convention activities, there is a trip planned to St. Anthony Monastery. Convention packets have been mailed to all Chapter Presidents and Secretaries. If you have not received yours, please go onto our web site and print as many copies as are necessary. In conjunction with the Convention, a golf tournament will be played on June 7, also at the Biltmore.

Supreme Convention will be held July 22-26, 2012 in Las Vegas, NV at the Monte Carlo Hotel. The local Daughters and AHEPA Chapters have planned a wonderful evening away from the hotel. Please reserve your rooms soon. They are selling out! **Salute to Women** is scheduled for July 26 at the same location. Information for all of these events can be found on our website: www.dopdistr20.org

Future Editions: Please feel free to submit any Chapter news you would like to see published in the District Governor's Bulletin.

Dues: 2012 Dues are now "due". Please encourage your members to remit their dues and ask your Chapter Secretary to submit to Headquarters on a regular basis.

AHEPA Scholarship Foundation: Brent Noyes, President, Scholarship Foundation, has placed scholarship information, requirements, and applications online at: www.ahepa20.org. Applications are due March 30. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Chapter Presidents and Secretaries:
Along with this Bulletin, you are receiving a packet complete with:
* Chapter Election Results Form
* Chapter Report
* End of Year Report (Obligations, etc)
* "In Memory Of" Form
* 2012 District Convention Delegate/Alternate Reporting Form
* PDG Credentials Form
* Penelope of the Year Form
* 2012 District Convention Instruction Letter.

Yours in Theta Pi,

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