



## Communiqué from AHEPA CANADA President

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*Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,*

*With this communiqué I am sharing with you some news of my activities as President of AHEPA Canada along with highlights of some of the marvellous work and achievements that Ahepans across Canada are doing for Hellenism and our Communities across our country.*

**Bill Bakalis Elected President of AHEPA Canada at 94th AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, July 28, 2016**



Bill Bakalis being installed President of AHEPA Canada by Past President Ken Matziorinis at Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas, July 28, 2016



The newly installed Supreme Lodge of AHEPA. From F-R: Supreme Treasurer James Kokotas, Supreme Secretary Carl R. Hollister, Supreme President Andrew C. Zachariades, Canadian President Bill Bakalis, Supreme Counselor George Horiates, Not visible to the left Supreme Vice President George E. Loucas.



Canadian President Bill Bakalis with Supreme President of AHEPA Andrew Zachariades



Canadian President of AHEPA Bill Bakalis with DOP Grand Governor Zone V Celia Kachmarski



The Canadian delegation at the Supreme Convention in Las Vegas with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco in the center



Christos Argiriou, District 24 Governor, Ken Matziorinis, Canadian President, Bill Bakalis, President Elect, Andrew Zachariadies, Supreme President Elect, Dinos Kourtessis, Chapter President of Vancouver, Chris George, Ottawa Chapter Secretary and Frank Antoniou, Past Canadian President



Chris George, Tatiana Tsapraillis, Gran Treasurer of the MOA, Haritos Aroutzidis, Nick Aroutzidis, Bill Bakalis, Ken Matziorinis, Dino Kourtessis, Effie Sapuridis, Grand Vice President of the MOA, Aspa Kostopoulos, Grand Treasurer of the DOP, Celia Kachmarski, Grand Governor Zone V, Frank Antoniou and Christos Argiriou, District 24 Governor



Past Canadian President and Member of the AHEPA Board of Trustees Nick Aroutzidis installing the Supreme Vice President George E. Loucas



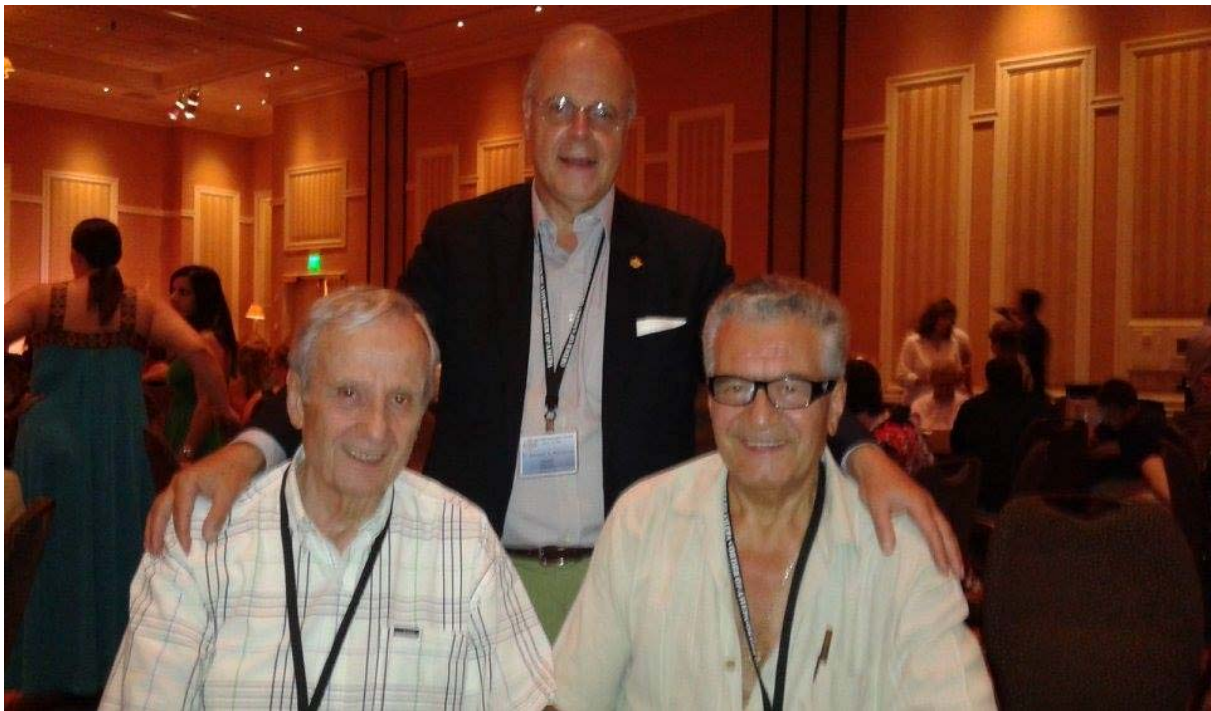
Frank Antoniou, Anastasios Moussas, Nick Aroutzidis, Dino Kourtessis, Nick Larigakis, President of the American Hellenic Institute (AHI), Ken Matziorinis, Bill Bakalis, Chris Argiriou and John Prevolos, Burnaby Chapter President



From the deliberations of the Canadian Affairs Committee at the Supreme Convention



District 24 Governor Christos Argiriou seated in the center at the Convention banquet



Ken Matziorinis with Burnaby, BC and Vancouver BC Chapter Presidents John Prevolos and Dinos Kourtessis



PCP Anthony Mavromaras, President Elect Bill Bakalis, Canadian President Ken Matziorinis, Supreme President John Galanis, PCP Nick Aroutzidis, PCP Frank Antoniou, Toronto Chapter VP Anastasios Moussas and Toronto VP Hellenism Byron Yankoo



SOP Supreme President Andreas Christou, DOP Grand President Connie Pilallis, Supreme President of AHEPA John Galanis and MOA Grand President Deanna Socaris with the Mickey mouse dressed as a Tsolia. The 95<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention takes place on July 24 - 30 at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla..





Past Supreme President of AHEPA and Ahepa First Party Chairman James Scofield who was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award



His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco addressing the Banquet delegates



With Toronto Chapter VP Anastasios Moussas at the convention

**Presentation at the Royal Ontario Museum by Dr.Carlos Picon, Curator in Charge of Greek and Roman Art, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, October 5th**



With Dr. Carlos Picon



With Greek Consul General in Toronto Alexandros Ioannidis

## AHEPA Continues to Provide Public Health Assistance to Greece



In September, AHEPA's Committee for the AHEPA Hospital in Thessaloniki facilitated the donation of 16 hospital beds to the AHEPA Hospital. AHEPA Chapter CJ5, Ottawa, Ontario, was instrumental in securing the donation from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. Present for the delivery of the beds were: Brother John Kottas, chapter HJ3 president; Dr. Anastasios Spanos, Board of Directors president; Past District 25 Governor Dr. A.J. Barich, who is a Board of Directors member of the AHEPA Hospital; Mrs. Kokoni Koutsianda, administrative head nurse; Hristos Karapiperis, District 25 representative; and Director of Hospital Administration Vassilis Anastasiadis.

"Without the help of the Ottawa AHEPA Chapter, this donation would not have happened" Said George Vassilas Chairman of Committee. "The committee wants to thank Nicolas Hatzitheodosiou, George Papadopoulos and especially Michael Vassilyadi, for their hard work" The beds were put into circulation within hours of receiving them

"We are deeply grateful to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario for making a generous donation to help the people of Greece," Supreme President Andrew C. Zachariades said. "We commend the Brothers of Ottawa Chapter CJ5 for taking the initiative to provide this aid to Greece and applaud AHEPA's Committee for the AHEPA Hospital for facilitating the donation from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. AHEPA will continue to find ways for the delivery of public health assistance to Greece during this time of need."

**Canadian President of AHEPA Attends Metropolitan Council Meeting, Toronto, October 20, 2016**



With His Eminence Metropolitan Sotirios and Greek Consul General of Toronto Alexnadros Ioannidis



**Dinner in Support of the University of Waterloo Hellenistic Studies Program, University Club, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Waterloo, Ontario**



Program Director Dr. Andrew Faulkner, PCP Nick Aroutzidis, Greek Consul General Alexandros Ioannidis, Bill Bakalis, PCP Anthony Mavromaras, Past Toronto Chapter President Antony Polyzotis and District #23 Governor Emmanual Conostas. AHEPA Canada strongly supports this program.



On October 28th the Ottawa Chapter of AHEPA made history. Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson declares October 28th as the OXI Day.



Fr L-R: Byron Yankou, Emmanuel Conostas, George Georgaras, Mike Siatras, John Hatzopoulos, Nikos Hatzitheodosiou (Chapter President), Mayor Jim Watson, Nick Pantieras, Chris George, George Kanellakos, Gus Pezoulas, George Mamalis and Bill Sioulas

Ottawa Mayor proclaims Oxi Day

His Worship Mayor Jim Watson officially proclaimed October 28th as “Oxi Day” for the residents of Ottawa. The proclamation states:

***Whereas, each year on this date, people of Hellenic heritage around the world celebrate the anniversary of the infamous WWII response “Oxi” by a besieged Greek Nation to the aggression of the Axis powers; and***

***Whereas, this triumph of human spirit over tyranny, demonstrated by Greeks in their hour of darkness, has endured as a shining example for all free people and nations in our world to stand and defend the ideals of freedom, justice and liberty; and***

***Whereas, in the Ottawa Region, the AHEPA Ottawa Chapter promotes the recognition of and appreciation for the values of Hellenism, as so profoundly captured in the Greek response of “Oxi”;***

***Therefore, I, Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2016 Oxi Day in Ottawa.***



**AHEPA Family Mid-Year District #23 Conference, October 29, 2016 in London, Ontario**



With District #23 Governor Emmanuel Constat



Four Past Canadian AHEPA Presidents in a row: Nick Aroutzidis (London) Frank Antoniou (Montreal) Gim Giannoulis (London) and Anthony Mavromaras (Toronto)



From next month's cover page of GQ Magazine Nick Aroutzidis and Montreal Chapter V.P. and Valentine Ball Co-chair James Hutchison

**AHEPA Vancouver Honours 5 Individuals and Associations for their Contribution to the Community, October 29, 2016**



Nick Panos: For his contribution to HELLENISM  
Andreas Clerides: For his promotion of CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY  
MAHI Association: For their commitment to PHILANTHROPY  
PHAROS: For their contribution to EDUCATION  
Fred Schuloff: For his promotion of Hellenic CULTURE

Pictured Left to Right. AHEPA Chapter VP Mike Vrionis, AHEPA Chapter President Dino Kourtesis, PHAROS (Richard Spratley) Nick Panos, MAHI (Golfo Tsakumis) Andrew Clerides, Fred Schuloff, AHEPA Chapter Secretary Ilias Tsiotas District #26 Governor and Past Canadian President George Vassilas

**Fifth District Ahepa, 27th Annual Fall Gala for Cancer Research, November 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Edison, New Jersey**



With Supreme President of AHEPA Andrew Zachariades and Grand President of the DOP Jan Spanos  
and PCP Anthony Mavromaras

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reaching for the Stars SOS Children's Villages Greece Event in Toronto,  
November 3, 2016 Co-chaired by Voula McLaughlin and Anastasios Moussas  
Raises \$153,000 for Children in Greece**



With Greek soccer star Georgios Karagounis who came to Toronto to support the "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reaching for the Stars " S.O.S Villages Greece Fundraiser. One more time they surpassed expectations by raising \$153,000.00. Congratulations to Voula McLaughlin and Anastasios Moussas Co –Chairs



## Saskatoon Dominion CJ9 AHEPA Chapter Re-Activated



On Behalf of all AHEPANS in Canada I extend our Congratulations to District 24 Governor Christos Argiriou and L. Governor Peter Andreoglou, for their great success on reviving the "Dominion CJ9 AHEPA Chapter" District 24 in Saskatoon.

It is our hope, that this has started a great momentum across Canada, and we will be fortunate to witness, and be part of, many more successes across our country. Brother Christos determination and commitment has paid off in Saskatoon, and we look forward to see the hard work of Chapter Presidents, District Governors, and myself, to materialise with the creation of additional new chapters and increased membership across the country.

Bill Bakalis  
AHEPA Canadian President

**Montreal AHEPA Family Launch of the 18<sup>th</sup> St-Valentine Ball's 2016 Campaign in support of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Jewish General Hospital**



The St-Valentine's Ball Co-Chairs and George Sakkas, Honorary Chairperson of the Fundraising campaign. The St-Valentine's Ball has already raised \$740,000 for children's causes



James and Georgia with Dr. Apostolos Papageorgiou, world renowned Neonatologist and Head of the unit at the new NICU of the Jewish General Hospital





Cheque presentation to Mrs Susan Kasner, Chairperson of the Summit School Foundation and Herman Erdogmus, Director General of Summit School. On the sides the two Platinum donors Brothers John and Bill Georgoudis of LANVAC Security.



PCP Frank Antoniou, Ball Co-Chair Georgia Tridimas, Orla Johannes and Co-Chair James Hutchison

Toronto AHEPA Family Christmas Dinner, December 3, 2016



**Montreal AHEPA Family Christmas Dinner at Mythos Restaurant, December 10, 2016**



MOA President Angela Matziorinis, SOP President Alex Pantis, AHEPA President Ioannis Panagiotou and DOP President Georgia Tridimas



Montreal Sons of Pericles George Christou, Michael Koklas, Yanni Metrakos and Alex Pantis with PCP Ken Matziorinis

**AHEPA Family Raises \$12,000 for the Hellenic Centre of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community of London, Ontario, December 26, 2016**



Thank you Daughters of Penelope for your generous \$12,000 donation towards the Hellenic Centre renovations. Presented at the Annual 2016 AHEPA Boxing Day dance. Pictured are Ellen Armeniakos, DOP President, Nick Aroutzidis Community President, Fr. Elias Drossos, Roula Koumoutsidis, DOP Vice-President and Tia Diavolitsis, DOP Treasurer



The AHEPA Family Charitable Foundation of Canada  
and the Montreal AHEPA Family invite you to the  
**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Valentine's Ball**

In Support of The Jewish General Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Plaza Volare  
8600 Chemin de la Côte-de-Liesse  
St-Laurent, Québec H4T 1E3



Entertainment by: **SOPHISTOCATION**  
Dinner & Entertainment



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***Wishing you all a Merry Christmas***

***and a***

***Healthy, Prosperous and Fulfilling New Year!***

***Bill Bakalis***