



**AHEPA Garden State Chapter #517**

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# **Garden State Chapter # 517**

**Holmdel New Jersey  
Founded April 15, 1995**





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## Our Members as of February 2022

Anastasatos	Steve	Lambrinos	George M.
Anastasatos	Tommy	Lekkas	Panagiotis
Antholis, Jr.	Ernest	Loizou	Michael
Antonakakis	Joseph	LoPresti	Philip
Belitsis	Paul(Posidon)	Loucopoulos	Lucas
Bontales	Steve	Moros, Sr.	Zack
Bucco, Jr.	Robert W.	Nikitopoulos	Jim
Churney	Chris	Nikolis	Michael
Congemi	Vincent F.	Orfanitopouls	Demetri
Constantinou	Savas	Panagakos	George
Del Pizzo	Angelo	Panagiotopoulos	Dimitrios
Diakides	Nickitas	Papagiannakis	Angelo
Dimarhos	John	Papasavas	Savvas
Dimitriades	Dimitri	Parlamis	William
Dounis	Harry	Petrou	Florio
Drogaris	Steve	Petrou	Sotiris
Drogaris	Leo	Phillipou	Costas
Elezi	Albert	Plakoudas	Nicholas
Fotinos	Stavros	Plakoudas	Niko
Fourniadis	Robert	Ploussas	Gregory
Fourniadis	Nicholas	Protentis	Thomas
Gilbride	Paul	Pytel	Michael
Haliyiannis	Chris	Rouskas	Michael
Hedges	Bill	Scoullos	George
Ioannou	Ioannis	Sikaras	Dennis
Kalafatides	John	Simon	Dr. Michael
Karatzia	Tony	Simon	Michael Emmanuel
Karatzia, PDG	George	Sofocli	Loucas
Katsingris	George	Tsoukaris	John
Kollydas	Peter	Tsoukaris	Kostantinos
Kotsis	Basil	Vakkou	George
Koufidis	Kostas	Viris	Ted
Koukoumis	Timmy	Wassif	Artie
		Zafiriou	Paul



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## PAST PRESIDENTS

1995 – 1997	Paul Stamoulis
1997 – 1999	Zack Moros
1999 – 2000	Dimitri Geaneas
2000 – 2002	George Karatzia
2002 – 2004	Bill Parlamis
2004 – 2005	Theo Hadjitheodosiou
2005 – 2007	Jim Nikitopoulos
2007 – 2009	George Katsingris
2009 – 2011	Gregory Ploussas
2011 – 2015	Robert Fourniadis
2015 – 2021	Demetri Orfanitopoulos
2021 – 20??	Dimitri Dimitriades

## AHEPAN OF THE YEAR for Chapter # 517-Holmdel, NJ

2001	Paul Stamoulis
2002	Father James Chakalos
2003	Gregory Ploussas
2004	Bill Parlamis
2005	Theo Hadjitheodosiou
2007	George Karatzia
2008	Jim Nikitopoulos
2009	George Katsingris
2010	Steve Bontales
2012	Robert Fourniadis
2014	Demetri Orfanitopoulos
2015	Artie Wassif
2016	Florio Petrou
2017	George Karatzia
2018	Nick Plakoudas
2019	Michael Simon, MD
2021	Loucas Sofocli



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## AHEPA Garden State Chapter 517

### Deceased Brothers

*Richard Bolton*

*Father Jim Chakalos*

*John Colligas*

*Ted Countouroudas*

*Alex Fourniadis*

*Nick Frangos*

*Socrates Gavalas*

*Charles Gavaris*

*Peter Homatopoulos*

*John Mookas*

*Danny Pappas*

*John Sanoudis*

*Hercules Stamoulis*



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**The history below was written by Vasilis E. Kalomiris in the 1999 Journal to help fund our Churches classrooms.**

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## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GARDEN STATE CHAPTER 517

Our Chapter, Garden State No. 517, was founded in April of 1995. We realized early on that the "E" in AHEPA stood for education. Of the many philanthropic endeavors of AHEPA, education is one of the primary ones. Therefore, our Chapter during its first year of existence established a permanent Scholarship Committee consisting of five brothers. We want to encourage our youth to strive for educational excellence and reward them with recognition and esteem. We must foster a climate of friendship, understanding, good will and guidance; for it is us, our youth and our chapter that will reap the benefits of our noble efforts.

In 1996 the Scholarship Committee was formed consisting of Gregory Ploussas, Steve Drogaris, George Katsingris, John Colligas and Zack Moros. Currently the Scholarship Committee consists of Tom Protentis, Steve Drogaris, George Katsingris, Joe Antonakakis and Bill Kotsis. We hope to inspire our youth toward the highest fulfillment of their scholastic potential. Our by-laws were passed by the Chapter on March 19, 1997. We wish to recognize high school seniors of our Hellenic Community who have been accepted to an accredited four-year college or university. We are constantly seeking to acquire the funds needed to carry out our goal and objectives.

Initially, the Scholarship Committee was funded by selling 50/50 raffles at each Chapter meeting, selling of pens with the AHEPA logo and voluntary contributions from the Brothers. The Chapter then earmarked fundraisers such as Golf Outings and Super Bowl Parties for the fund. As the Chapter grew it budgeted monies every year for the Scholarship Fund. We set a goal for the Fund of \$100,000.00 so that we could create a permanent Endowment Fund so that future Scholarships could be granted from income from the Fund. We invested the Fund in Mutual Funds and it has grown to over \$100,000.00.

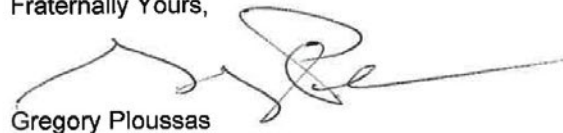
Our first scholarship was awarded on AHEPA Sunday in May of 1997 to Steven Plakoudas. As of today, we have awarded over 40 scholarships or merit awards to children in our Hellenic and AHEPA Communities. The following minimum criteria must be met to qualify or be eligible for a scholarship:

- Must be son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a member in good standing of our Chapter
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 and combined SAT score of 1150 or ACT score of 23 in math and verbal sections
- Must be a high school senior and accepted to an accredited four-year college

Applications for the Chapter Scholarship can be downloaded from our website or by contacting Tom Protentis at [thansi@comcast.net](mailto:thansi@comcast.net). Scholarships are also available from the 5<sup>th</sup> District. The 5<sup>th</sup> District Scholarships are administered by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Projects Committee and applications can be downloaded from their website at [www.ahepadistrict5.org](http://www.ahepadistrict5.org).

Scholarships are also available from our AHEPA Educational Foundation. Their applications and requirements can be downloaded from our AHEPA National website at [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org).

Fraternally Yours,



Gregory Ploussas

**In April 2020 our chapter reach Our Goal of \$100,000**



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## Our First Executive Broad and Meeting April 1995



**Paul Stamoulis – President**  
**Steve Drogaris – Treasurer**

**Zack Moros – Vice President**  
**Frank George- Secretary**



**Hercules Stamoulis, George Katsingris, Vasilios Kalomiris, Alex Fourniadis, Robert Fourniadis, Michael Rouskas, Frank George**



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## December 2009 – District 5 Visit with District Governor Phil Vogis



### Executive Board

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## District 5 – District Lodge Visit 2009



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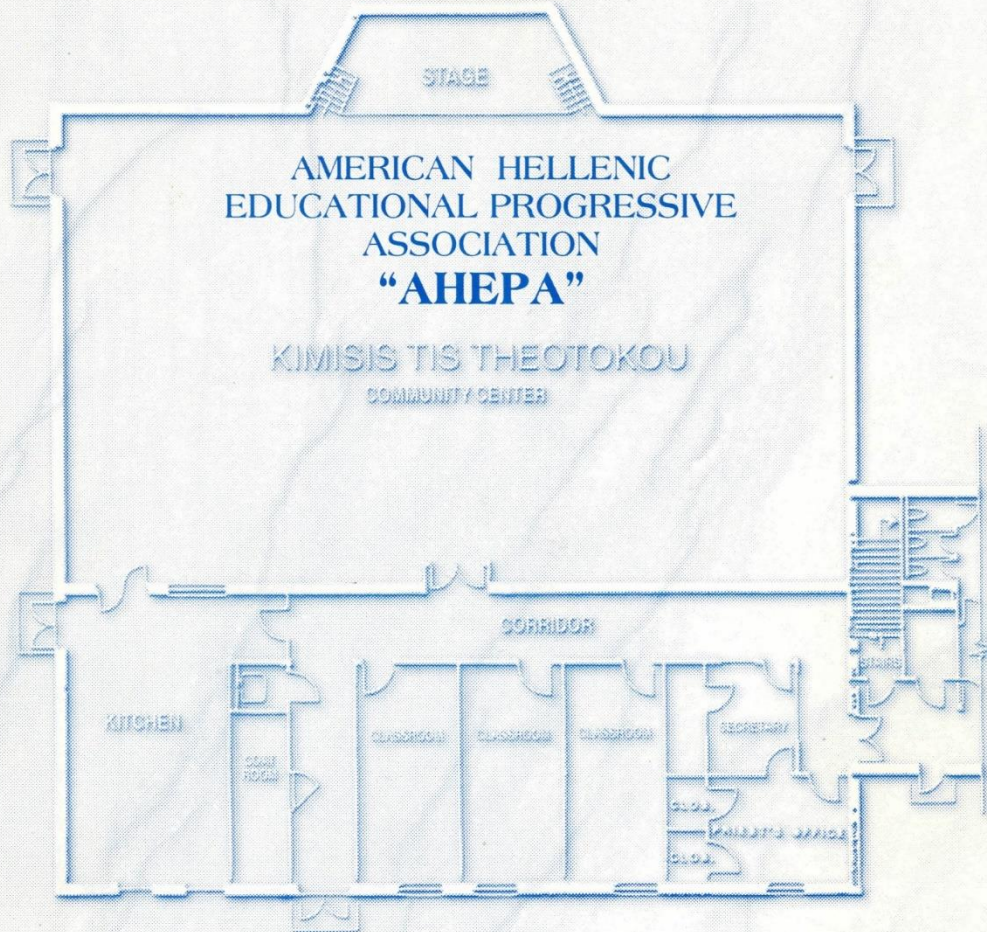
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January 1999 Journal to raise money to  
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Supporting The Completion Of  
The Second Floor Classrooms Of  
Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church



Order of Ahepa  
Chapter 517  
Holmdel, New Jersey



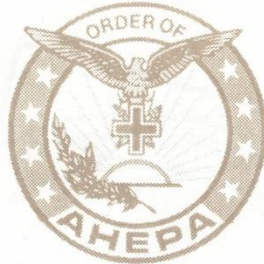
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## Order of Ahepa

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Holmdel, New Jersey

### Executive Board

**Zack Moros**

President

**James Geaneas**

Vice President

**Vasilis Kalomiris**

Secretary

**George Katsingris**

Treasurer

On behalf of our membership  
we take this opportunity  
to wish to all our friends and s  
supporters a happy,  
prosperous and healthy 1999.



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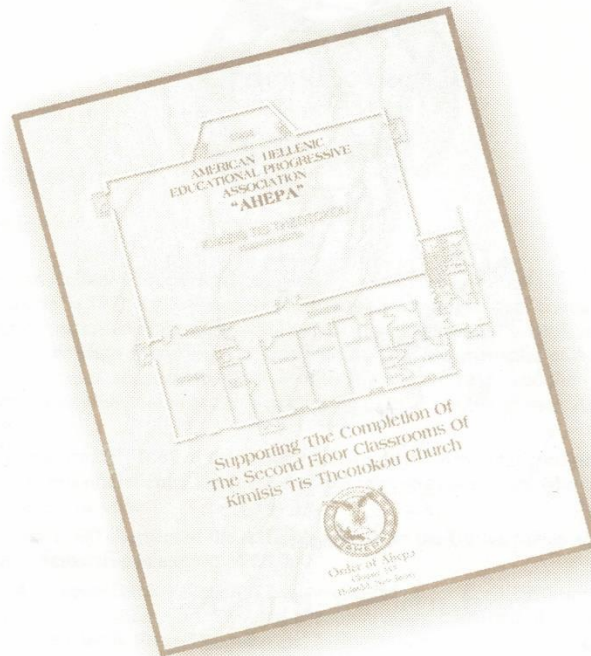


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## AHEPA

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Ad journal Committee

Richard Bolton

Vasilis Kalomiris

George Katsingris

George Kokinakos

Gus Liapis

Gregory Ploussas

We wish to thank all brothers and friends who contributed generously towards the completion of the second floor classrooms of the Greek School at the Community Center of Kimisis tis Theotokou.



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## January 1999 Journal to raise money to finish Classrooms in our church



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Holmdel, New Jersey

January 10, 1999

Dear Friends,

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) was founded in Atlanta Georgia in 1922 for the purpose of assisting all immigrants of Greek descent to achieve American citizenship through individual city chapters, or "schools of instruction". The chapter meetings included the study of the principles of American government, the use and increased fluency of the English language and the encouragement of members to actively participate in the civic life of their American community.

Although approximately 95% of the membership of AHEPA is composed of American or Canadian citizens of Hellenic descent, membership is open to anyone who believes in the objectives of the order.

There are over 1,000 chapters of the AHEPA Family in the United States and Canada with a total membership in excess of 60,000.

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Since our operations are based at the church facilities of Kimisis Tis Theotokou our chapter decided to undertake the completion of the Greek School classrooms on the second floor of the Community Center and as such contribute to the perpetuation, study and advancement of Hellenic culture and traditions.

This ad journal is the vehicle that we utilized to raise the funds needed to complete this project.

We are very thankful for the participation and support from the community and the members of the AHEPA family who contributed significantly to the success of this project.

On behalf of our chapter, I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

*Vasilis E. Kalomiris*

Vasilis E. Kalomiris



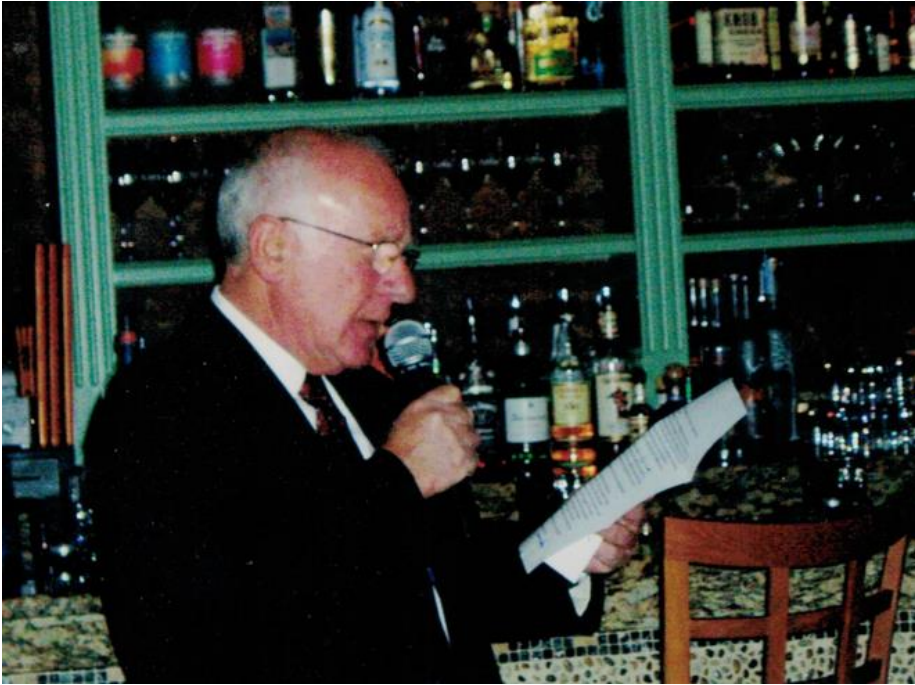
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## Ahepan of The Year Dinner for Jim Nikitopoulos March 2008



**George Katsingris - President**





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**George Katsingris – President leads our guest**



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## Super Bowl Party February ????





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### Ronald McDonald House Greek Division Our First Visit Fall of 2000

It began as a visit to the NYC Ronald McDonald House 21 years ago and has since become an annual event sponsored by our Chapter 517. RMH Greek Division has become one of the primary beneficiaries of our fundraising activities. To date, our chapter has donated over \$50,000 to this worthy cause !

Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families whose children are receiving medical treatment in area hospitals. The Greek Division of RMH provides support for families from Greece and Cyprus as well as for Greek-American families in need.

During our annual visit, everyone is served a catered meal generously donated by our brothers. During their meal, families are treated to kid friendly entertainment usually in the form of a clown or magician show.

To witness the smiles of the children and their parents is truly a rewarding experience which is why our chapter looks forward to our annual visit.



**Brother Jim Nikitopoulos was the organizer and founder of our Annual Event since 2000 till today**



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## Ronald McDonald House Greek Division





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**Ronald McDonald House Greek Division visit by our chapter to cook for families and present a check for \$2500 November 2014**





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## Ronald McDonald House Greek Division

### “ Dinner in a Box”

November 2021 during Covid 19

Brother Loucas Sofocli donated the food from his  
Restaurant LouCas in Edison, NJ

Brother Jim Nikitopoulos organizer & Vinny Congemi







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**First Greek language adult class that Ahepa sponsored at the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church in 2010.**





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## Player Registration

( registration begins at 7:00 am )

Entry fee per player is \$125.

Your contribution includes a breakfast, greens fee, golf cart, beverage cart , awards luncheon with open bar (beer & wine)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City / ST / Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please respond by September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Send this form with check payable to:

AHEPA Chapter 517  
PO Box 735, Holmdel, NJ 07733  
Information- 732-259-3894  
www.ahepa517.com

## Directions

### From North

Garden State Parkway South to Exit 109. Turn right onto Route 520 west and proceed approximately 1 mile to 2<sup>nd</sup> light. Turn left at light onto Swimming River Road. Go about 2 miles to end and turn onto Route 537 West. Proceed 3 1/2 miles to entrance of Pebble Creek on left.

Route 18 South to 537 East exit. Proceed 537 East through first light. After second light, the entrance to Pebble Creek is on right about 1,000 feet.

### From South

Garden State Parkway North to Exit 98. Take Highway 34 North Exit. Continue on Highway 34 North approximately 15 minutes to Route 537 East (pass Delicious Orchards on left.) Turn right onto Route 537 ( Colts Neck Inn on left at that light. ) Proceed about 1,000 feet to Pebble Creek's entrance on right.



40 County Rd. 537 East  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722  
(732) 303-9090  
Pebblecreekgolfclub.com



**AHEPA GARDEN STATE  
CHAPTER 517  
HOLMDEL, NEW JERSEY**



**The Eleventh Annual  
Monday, October 1, 2012**



**Pebble Creek Golf Club**  
40 Rte. 537 East, Colts Neck, NJ 07722

## Schedule of Events

**Monday, October 1, 2012**

7:00 AM : Breakfast & Registration  
8:00 AM Shotgun Start  
1:00 pm Awards Luncheon Banquet

## Proceeds to Benefit



Ronald McDonald House | New Jersey  
Long Branch: 131 Bath Ave. 732-222-8753  
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## AHEPA Chapter 517

Is proud to present our  
**Eleventh Annual Golf Outing**  
At the  
**Pebble Creek Golf Club in  
Colts Neck, New Jersey**

Pebble Creek Golf Club  
40 County Road 537, Colts Neck, NJ 07722  
Designed by legendary course architect Hal Purdy, Pebble Creek Golf Club provides golfers with an enjoyable and memorable experience.

The unique characteristics and differing landscapes of each hole present a challenge for accomplished players while remaining player-friendly for beginners.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

<b>Gold Sponsor</b>	\$2,000
Complimentary foursome Sponsorship of Luncheon Recognition in promotional material	
<b>Silver Sponsor</b>	\$1,000
Complimentary twosome Sponsorship of Half Way House Recognition in promotional material	
<b>Bronze Sponsor</b>	\$750
Sponsorship of Breakfast Recognition in promotional material Tee / Green Sponsor	
<b>Beverage Cart Sponsor</b>	\$500
<b>Putting Green Sponsor</b>	\$250
<b>Tee / Green</b>	\$150
<b>Sponsor Total</b>	\$
<b># of Golfer @ \$125 each</b>	\$
<b># Dinner Only @ \$35 each</b>	\$
<b>Sorry, I am unable to attend Enclosed is a donation</b>	\$

**Sponsor Name to appear on sign:**

**Sponsor Email:**





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## Our chapter bought basketball Jackets March 2014



Our Chapter 517 sponsored a Titans Basketball team and their van March 2015,  
Same group of guys, new jackets new team name  
George Petrakakis, PDG & Demetri Orfanitopoulos Past Chapter President





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December 1, 2014 – Present donation to Wounded Warriors at their offices in NYC.  
Bob Fourniadis President & Demetri Orfanitopoulos Treasurer, George Karatzia, Vinny Congemi, John Kalafatides





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**October 2016 – Guest George Petrakakis DG, President Demetri Orfanitopoulos, Vice-President Steve Bontales, Treasurer Tom Protentis, Secretary John Kalafatides**





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## Beer Tasting Event at the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church in Oct 2014

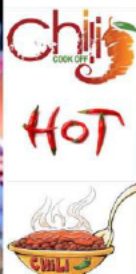




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## Holmdel Beer & Chili Tasting

✓ Vote for the Best Chili  
✓ Vote for The Best Beer

SPONSORED BY AHEPA – GARDEN STATE # 517 HOLMDEL, N. J.

**Saturday, October 15, 2016  
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

- ◆ Fine Assortment of Hand - Crafted Beers to Sample
- ◆ Local NJ Micro Breweries
- ◆ Free Beer sampling Glass
- ◆ Wine Sampling courtesy of Wine Academy
- ◆ Delicious Home Made Chili ( Vote for your Favorite )
- ◆ Hot Dogs, Pretzels & Chips
- ◆ Live Entertainment
- ◆ 21 years and over Please

Community Center -20 Hillcrest Road - Holmdel, NJ 07733

**Donation:**  
\$30 On-Line Tickets [www.ahepa517.com](http://www.ahepa517.com)  
\$35 at the Door or by check

Contact for other information:  
Bob Fourniadis 732-259-3894 [bfourniadis@optonline.net](mailto:bfourniadis@optonline.net)  
George Karatzia 732-610-6622 [bkavlausa1@aol.com](mailto:bkavlausa1@aol.com)

Proceeds to Benefit:



SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT # 30130

## Oct 15, 2016, Beer Tasting Event and Chili Cooking contest winners Tony Karatzia and Bob Fourniadis





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## Harvest Beer Tasting

Sponsored By AHEPA # 517 Holmdel, NJ  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015  
20 Hillcrest Road  
Holmdel, New Jersey 07733

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**ARTISAN'S**  
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**District Five Cancer Research Foundation Dinner our Chapter presented a check for \$3000 November 2016 – Bob Fourniadis and George Karatzia PDG**



**District Five Cancer Research Foundation Dinner our Chapter presented a check for \$3000 November 2019 – President Demetri Orfanitopoulos and Lt. Governor Bob Fourniadis**





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## AHEPA SERVICE DOGS FOR WARRIORS PROGRAM

On January 19, 2016, our chapter was introduced to the K9 for Warriors Program and we sponsored our first Service Dog (AHEPA) by the close of the meeting.

The program was introduced at the District Convention in June of 2016 and approved, and in July of 2016 at the National Convention in Las Vegas, the program was also approved as a national project .

At our meeting below which was attend by Andy Zachariades, Supreme Lodge . George Karatzia and the Zilinski parents who lost the son in Iraq, made a moving presentation to our chapter which resulted in our sponsorship. By the end of 2016 AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors was formed with George Karatzia as the Chairman, Bob Fourniadis Co-Chairman, Demetri Orfanitopoulos as Treasurer, Dimitri Dimitriades as Secretary .






**OCTOBER 2016**

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR  
WARRIOR-CANINE TEAM

**BRIAN & AHEPA**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 2016 5:30 PM

CAMP K9  
114 CAMP K9 ROAD  
PONTE VEDRA, FL 32081



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District 5 Convention June 2016, presentation form 3 veterans with PTSD and describe their lives since returning from active service . The brothers voted to support the program as a district and ask all chapters to do what they can.



### AHEPA National Convention , July 2016 guest speak Sheri Duval .

Shari Duval founded K9s For Warriors in 2011. Her vision was to train shelter dogs as Service Dogs and pair them with veterans afflicted with military-connected traumas. When her son, Brett, a civilian K9 police bomb dog handler who served in Iraq, came home with PTSD she realized he was only himself when with his dog. Doctors couldn't help her son, but she found that a Service Dog could. Shari found a new mission in life: to put all her time and resources into helping restore the life of her son, and the lives of returning combat veterans through the use of Service Dogs.





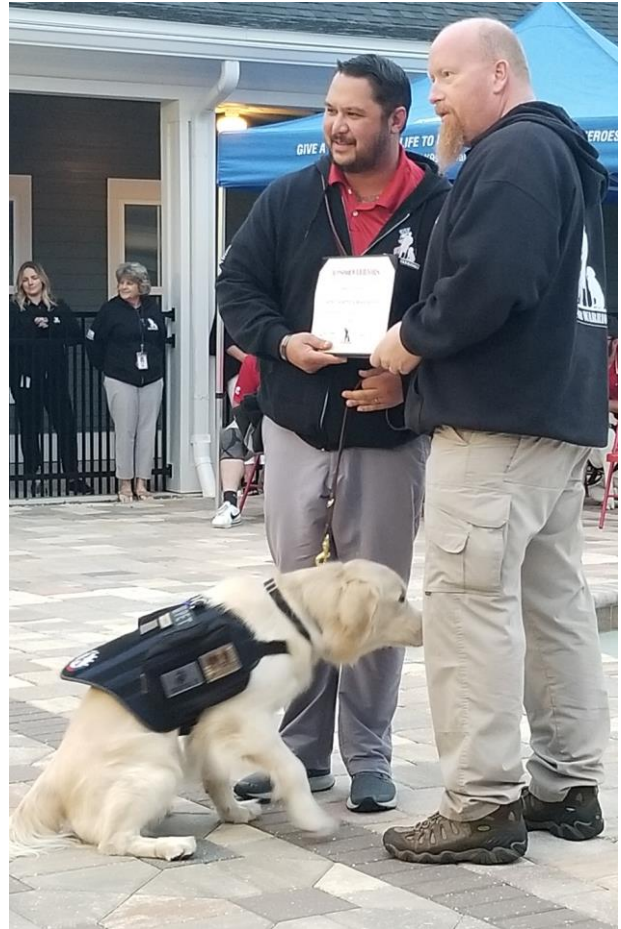
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## AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors President Demetri Orfanitopoulos spoke at the graduation of serviceman and Service Dogs November 24, 2019



**Mikey Ahepa with Darrel - Above**



**Eva Ahepa with Brian & George,  
Eva's sponsor - LEFT**



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**Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Bless & Supports our Program. George Karatzia presents a photo of our 56<sup>th</sup> service dog sponsored for our Archbishop whom he named "Hope Ahepa " in 2021.**



**Two moms lost their sons to PTSD and have raised \$215,000 for AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program at an Annual Event in Neil Michael's Steak House in Hazlet NJ.**



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May 29, 2019 , Demetri Orfanitopoulos President was invited by Middle Road School in Hazlet NJ to accept a donation from the students. Also attending was a veteran and his Service Dog.



Pattie Malloy & Debby Dailey hosted an Annual Fund Raiser for AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors on March 20, 2020 at Neil Michael's Steak House , Hazlet, NJ



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NYC Greek Independence Parade March 2017 – Above  
Freehold Memorial Day Parade May 2018 - Below





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## AHEPA Sunday May 15, 2016







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## March 16, 2017 - AHEPAN of the Year Dinner



- |      |                       |      |                        |
|------|-----------------------|------|------------------------|
| 2001 | Paul Stamoulis        | 2012 | Robert Fourniadis      |
| 2002 | Father James Chakalos | 2014 | Demetri Orfanitopoulos |
| 2003 | Gregory Ploussas      | 2015 | Artie Wassif           |
| 2004 | Bill Parlamis         | 2016 | Florio Petrou          |
| 2005 | Theo Hadjitheodosiou  | 2017 | George Karatzia        |
| 2007 | George Karatzia       | 2018 | Nick Plakoudas         |
| 2008 | Jim Nikitopoulos      | 2019 | Michael Simon, MD      |
| 2009 | George Katsingris     | 2021 | Loucas Sofocli         |
| 2010 | Steve Bontales        |      |                        |



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**May 2017 - District Lodge Visit to chapter meeting  
back roll with Bob Fourniadis .**

**Dimitri Dimitriades- Secretary ,Demetri Orfanitopoulos-President,  
George Haralampoudis**





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**April 29, 2018 - Boy Scout Eagle Awards Dinner with Father Lekkas, Councilman Mike Nickolas, Past president Demetri Orfanitopoulos, Treasurer Tom Protentis**





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**May 2018 – Guest George Petrakakis DG, President Demetri Orfanitopoulos, Vice-President Steve Bontales, Treasurer Tom Protentis, Secretary John Kalafatides**





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## AHEPAN of the Year Dinner



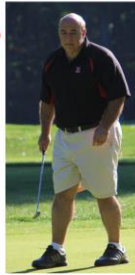
### 2013

#### Chapter Man of the Year



**Honoree - Robert Fourniadis**

"In recognition of outstanding leadership, devoted service, and unselfish contributions towards the advancement of the programs and progress of the Order of AHEPA"



- > Date: Sunday, April 21, 2013, 6:00 PM
- > Place: Lou Cas Restaurant  
9 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08820
- > \$40 Complete Dinner
- > Please bring Spouses, Friends & family
- > Wine/beer included



Reservations: Bill Parlamis  
732 888 7880  
[bparlamis@aol.com](mailto:bparlamis@aol.com)  
Please RSVP by April 15



### 2014

#### Chapter Man of the Year



**Honoree – Demetri Orfanitopoulos**

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- > Place: Lou Cas Restaurant  
9 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08820
- > \$40 Complete Dinner
- > Please bring Spouses, Friends & family
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Reservations: Bill Parlamis  
732 888 7880 [bparlamis@aol.com](mailto:bparlamis@aol.com)  
Please RSVP ASAP



### 2015

#### Chapter Man of the Year



**Honoree – Artie Wassif**

"In recognition of outstanding leadership, devoted service, and unselfish contributions towards the advancement of the programs and progress of the Order of AHEPA"



- > Date: Sunday, March 20, 2016, 6:00 PM
- > Place: Loucas Restaurant  
9 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08820
- > \$50 - 4 course Sit Down Dinner
- > Please bring Spouses, Friends & Family
- > Wine/beer included



Reservations: Bill Parlamis  
732 888 7880 [bparlamis@aol.com](mailto:bparlamis@aol.com)  
Please RSVP ASAP  
Checks payable "AHEPA 517"



### 2016

#### Chapter AHEPAN of the Year



**Honoree – Florio Petrou**

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- > Date: Sunday, March 5, 2017, 6:00 PM
- > Place: Lou Cas Restaurant  
9 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08820
- > \$ 55 Complete Dinner
- > Please bring Spouses, Friends & family
- > Wine/beer included



Reservations: Demetri Orfanitopoulos  
[Demetrio@Comcast.net](mailto:Demetrio@Comcast.net)  
Please RSVP ASAP  
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## 2017

### Chapter #517 AHEPAN of the Year



**Honoree :**  
**George Karatzia**



"In recognition of outstanding leadership, devoted service, and unselfish contributions towards the advancement of the programs and progress of the **Order of AHEPA**"



- Date: Sunday, March 11, 2018, 5:30 PM
- Place: Lou Cas Restaurant  
9 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08820
- \$ 55 Complete Dinner - 3 choices
- \$20 Kids under 10 pasta/chicken fingers
- Please bring Spouses, Friends & family
- Wine included



Reservations: Demetri Orfanitopoulos  
Demetrio@Comcast.net  
Please RSVP ASAP  
Checks payable "AHEPA 517"  
PO Box 735-Holmdel-NJ-07733



## 2018

### Chapter #517 AHEPAN of the Year



**Honoree :**  
**Nick Plakoudas**



"In recognition of outstanding leadership, devoted service, and unselfish contributions towards the advancement of the programs and progress of the **Order of AHEPA**"

- Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019, 5:30 PM
- Place: LouCas Restaurant  
9 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08820
- \$ 60 Complete Dinner - 3 choices
- \$20 Kids under 10 pasta/chicken fingers
- Please bring Spouses, Friends & family
- Wine included



Reservations: Demetri Orfanitopoulos  
Demetrio@Comcast.net  
Please RSVP ASAP  
Checks payable "AHEPA 517"  
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## 2019

### Chapter AHEPAN of the Year



**Honoree**  
**Michael J. Simon, MD, FACP**

"In recognition of outstanding leadership, devoted service, and unselfish contributions towards the advancement of the programs and progress of the Order of AHEPA"

- Sunday, March 8, 2020, 5:30 PM
- LouCas Restaurant  
9 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08820
- \$ 60 3 course Dinner
- Kids under 12 - \$25
- Wine included
- Spouses, Family & Friends are welcome



Reservations: Demetri Orfanitopoulos  
Demetrio@Comcast.net  
Please RSVP ASAP  
Checks payable "AHEPA 517"



## 2021

### Chapter AHEPAN of the Year Dinner



**Honoree**  
**Loucas Sofocli**

"In recognition of outstanding leadership, devoted service, and unselfish contributions towards the advancement of the programs and progress of the **Order of AHEPA**"

**Sunday – March 13, 5pm**

**Nana's Kitchen**

**1686 Highway 35 South Middletown, NJ**

Full Course sit down Dinner including appetizers, salad & your pre-selected choice of:

- Grilled Whole Branzino
- Bone-in Chicken, Cippolini, white wine sauce
- Braised Beef Short Ribs
- Shrimp Fra Diavolo

All served with Starch & Vegetables

Wine, Beer, Dessert, Coffee/Tea included

Price: \$65. per person All Inclusive  
friends and family welcome!



Please RSVP (by Mar.1) to Dimitri D. with your dinner choice:  
Email: [dimi907@gmail.com](mailto:dimi907@gmail.com) Phone: 201-321-2052  
Make check payable to **AHEPA #517** and please send to:  
Dimitri Dimitriadis  
80 Windsor Drive  
Eatontown, NJ 07724

(Please advise of any dietary requests or allergies)



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## October 5, 2019 Sea Streak Hudson River Family Day Cruise, 21 attendees



## October 7, 2019 - Fishing Trip from Atlantic Highlands, NJ





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**Annual Christmas Dinner held at “The Greek Spot”, in Red Bank NJ.  
Attending Andy Zachariades PSP, on December 8, 2019**







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## Food Bank donation October 2014

George Petrakakis, DG

Bob Fourniadis-President

Demetri Orfanitopoulos-Treasurer

George Karatzia

CEO of The Food Bank



**Visit to Fulfill of Monmouth & Ocean County to present a check for \$2,000 to former Lt. Governor Guadagno and CEO of Fulfill, present Bob Fourniadis, District Secretary & Demetri Orfanitopoulos chapter President – September 2019**



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**AHEPA Wine making December, 2016  
Brothers Greg Ploussas , George  
Karatzia, Nicko Plakoudas & Rob  
Ploussas**





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## AHEPA Wine making for brothers and Families Fall of 2017





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## AHEPA CHAPTER 517

Holmdel, NJ

Invites you to our  
**Private Chartered Fishing Trip**

September 9, 2017- Saturday - 12 noon to 5



Will be fishing on the Sea Hawk out of the Atlantic Highlands  
We will fish for Porgies  
\$40 per person

Please bring your own food & Drinks  
Reserve your , spot Contact  
Theodore Viris 646-235-6974  
[theodore@millenniumelectro.com](mailto:theodore@millenniumelectro.com)



ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS MARINA

2 Simon Lake Dr. Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

<http://www.njseahawk.com/>





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## January 2018 Greek School Merit Awards



## August 2020 – Scholarship Awards to Elias Dimarhos & Stamatia Angelides presented by Scholarship Chairman Tom Protentis & Demetri Orfanitopoulos - President





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YEAR	SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS	AMOUNT
1997	Steven Plakoudas	\$ 500
1998	Vicki Panagakos	\$ 500
1999	Michael Kalomiris	\$ 500
1999	Chris Moros	\$ 500
1999	Stephanie Coutroubis	\$ 500
2000	Gregory Carey	\$ 500
2000	Marianthe Countouroudas	\$ 500
2002	Shaun Carey	\$ 500
2003	Michael Andrew Loizou	\$ 500
2003	Evagelia Plakoudas	\$ 500
2004	Vivian Parlamis	\$ 500
2005	Gregorios Plakoudas	\$ 500
2005	Christie Bontales	\$ 500
2006	Anna Hadjitheodosiou	\$ 500
2006	Stephen Liapis	\$ 500
2007	Joanna Parlamis	\$ 500
2007	Stephanie Bontales	\$ 500
2008	Angelique Hadjitheodosiou	\$ 500
2008	Andrew Liapis	\$ 500
2008	William Liapis	\$ 500
2010	Michelle Parlamis	\$ 500
2011	Alaina Bontales	\$ 500
2011	Nicholas Fourniadis	\$ 500
2011	Sofia Kotsis	\$ 500
2014	Niko Plakoudas	\$ 750
2014	Joseph Antonakakis	\$ 750
2015	Elias Kotsis	\$ 750
2015	Maria Kalafatides	\$ 750
2016	John Katsingris	\$ 1,000
2017	Pauline Protentis	\$ 1,000
2017	Matthew Nikitopoulos	\$ 1,000
2017	Mary Christodoulou	\$ 1,000
2018	Christian Simon	\$ 1,000
2018	Vassilis Kalsintides	\$ 750
2018	Michael Gilbride	\$ 1,000
2019	Georgianna Katsingris	\$ 1,000
2019	Christopher Elezi	\$ 1,000
2019	Valassia Theocliarsdis	\$ 1,000
2020	Jonathan Viris	\$ 1,000
2020	Elias Dimarhos	\$ 1,000
2020	Stamatia Angelides	\$ 1,000
2021	Kathleen Antonkakis	\$ 1,000
2021	Jean Gilbrite	\$ 1,000
2021	Michael Sikaris	\$ 1,000
	<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED</b>	<b>\$ 30,750</b>



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## Christmas Dinner 2018 at Neil Michael's In Hazlet, NJ





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May 2020 – Paul Calamaras- Church President presents a Plaque to AHEPA for \$40,000 upgrade to the Kimsis Tis Theotokou Church Kitchen, now ready for our next festival.







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**On August 15, 2020, Our new parking a lot on the right side of our church was finished and in use.**

**Our chapter donated \$30,000 towards the cost, in addition the entire project was managed by Brother Greg Ploussas**





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## Chapter Meeting April 2021 at Kimisis Tis Theotoukou- Holmdel



**Chapter Meeting June 2021 at Kimisis Tis Theotoukou- Holmdel –Newly elected Executive Board – Dimitri Dimitriades –President; Artie Wassif – Vice President; Kostas Koufidis- Treasurer; Paul Zafiriou- Secretary , Bob Fourniadis- DG, 2 new brothers Harry Dounis & Paul Belitsis**





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Our chapter sponsor " Hillcrest Road, Holmdel, NJ ." Our duties is to keep the street clean of trash



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MEMBER OF FEEDING AMERICA

May 4, 2020

Mr. Demetri Orfanitopoulos  
Order of AHEPA Chapter No. 517  
PO Box 735  
Holmdel, NJ 07733-0735

*We could not keep up without your help!*

Dear Mr. Orfanitopoulos,

On behalf of everyone at Fulfill, formerly The FoodBank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties, thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$2,000.00, received on 4/27/2020. Your generosity will help our hungry neighbors impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic at this difficult and unprecedented time.


Your gift has put food on the tables of those who need it most...to parents who suddenly lost their jobs and can no longer afford to feed their families...to children who are no longer receiving after-school meals...and to seniors who are hungry, frightened, and alone.

We have never seen an emergency of this scale. The need for food has never been more urgent. I don't know how long it will last, but your kindness has already helped provide food to people struggling with hunger at the Jersey Shore.

I can't thank you enough for your generosity in this time of great need. I'm sending my best wishes that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*Kim*  
Kim Guadagno  
President & CEO



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50th Anniversary  
1776-2020 USA

AHEPA #517  
P.O. Box 735  
Holmdel, NJ 07733

33-073535

5/29/2020

Dear AHEPA #517,

Thank you!!!  
The Volunteer Members of the  
HOLMDEL FIRST AID SQUAD  
Gratefully Acknowledge and Appreciate  
Your Generous Donation!

Your thoughtful contribution of \$200.00 will assist us in purchasing the supplies needed for our continued service to the residents and guests of Holmdel Township!

## ST. MICHAEL'S HOME

*Quality Care for the Elderly since 1958*

3 LEHMAN TERRACE, YONKERS, NY 10705  
tel 914-476-3374 fax 914-476-1744 www.stmichaelshome.org

January 6, 2021

Order of AHEPA Chapter 517  
P.O. Box 735  
Holmdel, New Jersey 07733

My Dear Friends,

It is with much appreciation that I thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$500. Truly, your magnanimous gesture is a "work of faith and labor of love" and I give thanks to God for your kindness and support.

It is because of the generosity of friends such as you that St. Michael's has been able to enhance the quality of life for the beloved residents of our Home for over 60 years and your gift will assist in our efforts to expand the facility, for which we are most grateful.

May I wish you and all your loved ones God's abundant blessings may He always grant you good health, much happiness and abiding peace.

Sincerely,

*Athena Delikanakis*  
Athena Delikanakis  
Administrator



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President - Chapter 517

**Artie Wassif**  
Vice President - Chapter 517

**Robert W. Bucco Jr.**  
Secretary - Chapter 517

**Demetri Orfanitopoulos**  
Treasurer - Chapter 517



## AHEPA DOINGS



AHEPA Chapter- Holmdel visited the Wounded Warriors Project and Ronald McDonald House on Nov. 25 in NYC to provide them with a check of \$3000 each which is from the proceeds of our Beer Tasting Event and Cigar Night .

We were accompanied by George Petrakakis, District Lodge Secretary, and PDG and Current Supreme Governor Phil Vogis as well Brothers Robert Fourniadis ,Demetri Orfanitopoulos, George Karatzia, Vinnie Congemi, John Kalafatides, Florio Petrou, Manny Tsarnas, Jim Nikitopoulos and Bill Parlamis.

Thanks to Brothers Florio and for once again generously providing the food, Brother Jim for organizing the event and donating the paper goods and drinks, and Brother Savvas Papasavas for the perfect rice pudding.

We came away from both events with a renewed understanding of why we are Ahepans and an enhanced appreciation of the wonderful work done by these fine organizations. New members are welcomed , open membership for 2015.

### Cigar Night Event

#### The Grand Marquis

1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
(732) 679-5700

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

6:30 PM

*Non Smokers welcomed - All Smoking on outside Patio*

- Fine Assortment of complimentary Cigars
- Cigar Roller – Cortez Cigars
- Open Bar with Premium Liquor & Wines
- Scotch Tasting
- Excellent Appetizers - Raw Bar - Carving Station -
- Buffet Dinner
- Assorted Pastry
- Live Jazz Music



## AHEPA ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY

KIMISIS COMMUNITY CENTER  
20 Hillcrest Road, Holmdel, N.J.

LOTS OF FOOD & DRINK AS YOU WATCH  
THE GAME ON THE BIG SCREEN

ADULTS : \$15.00  
CHILDREN : \$10.00 AGES 6-16

**PORTION OF PROCEEDS DONATED TO VARIOUS CHARITIES**

For Information Contact: Robert Fourniadis (732) 259-3894



## Sunday February 1, 2015

DOORS OPEN 5:00 P.M.  
KICKOFF TIME 6:30 P.M.





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VICE PRESIDENT – ARTIE WASSIF

SECRETARY - ROBERT W. BUCCO JR.

TREASURER – DEMETRI ORFANITOPOULOS

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STAVROS	FOTINOS	SOTIRIS	PETROU
DIMITRI	GEANEAS	CONSTANTINOS	PHILLIPOU
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		GEORGE	VAKKOU

Please visit us at [www.AHEPA517.com](http://www.AHEPA517.com)  
Our Annual Beer Tasting Event is coming  
Saturday - October 17, 2015





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## May 2017 Newsletter



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President - Chapter 517

*Tom Protentis*  
Vice President - Chapter 517

*John Kalafatides*  
Treasurer - Chapter 517

*John Haralampoudis*  
Asst. Treasurer - Chapter 517

*Dimitri Dimitriades*  
Secretary - Chapter 517

## New Brothers are Welcome to join us !



Building Fund \$30,000



NYC Greek Parade 2017



Special Olympic Basketball - Titans

ERNEST	ANTHOLIS
JOSEPH	ANTONAKAKIS
STEVE	BONTALES
WILLIAM	BUCCO
ROBERT W	BUCCO Jr.
STELLIOS G.	CHRISTODOULOU
VINCENT F	CONGEMI
SAVAS	CONSTANTNOU
ANGELO	DEL PIZZO
NICKITAS	DIAKIDES
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Garden State Chapter 517 is in partnership with the Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Fund. In 2016 our chapter sponsored AHEPA's first service dog ( a beautiful black lab who we named "AHEPA" ) . These wonderful dogs help veterans (Brian) suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disability (PTSD) .

This AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program became a National Project at the AHEPA Convention summer of 2016.

Chapter 517 was appointed by the National Projects Committee to coordinate this effort and to manage the funds through a 501 (c) (3) corporation formed for this purpose. .

The cost to train a service dog is \$15,000. Most of the dogs are rescue dogs and none of the costs are borne by the veteran including transportation to Florida, training location.

Let's work together to acquire another service dogs in 2017 and inspire others to do the same so we can help save the lives of those who have fought so bravely for us. Our Chapter will !

**AHEPA SERVICE DOGS FOR WARRIORS INC.**  
**PO BOX 735 - HOLMDEL - NJ - 07733 (Tax ID# 81-3775269)**  
Visit our site: [www.AHEPA-servicedogs.org](http://www.AHEPA-servicedogs.org)



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## December 2018 Newsletter

AHEPA #517 – Holmdel, NJ

Garden State Chapter #517 honored their Founding Brothers this past October at an award dinner and wine tasting at Fox Hollow Vineyards in Holmdel, NJ. Family and friends celebrated along with members who were recognized for reaching milestone memberships of 5,10,15 & 20 years as well. Those dear Founding Brothers who are deceased were well represented by family members who accepted awards in their memory.



On November 20 Chapter #517 embraced Supreme President George Loucas' initiative to help grow AHEPA's membership by welcoming 15 new members to its Chapter this year. The District Lodge was well represented at this dinner meeting initiation and the chapter looks forward to its new brothers support and participation as the Chapter continues its successful endeavors.



On this same night, Demetri Orfanitopoulos, President of Chapter #517 was honored with the District's President of the Year award presented by our own Supreme Governor (Reg. 3) George Karatzia.

The Chapter invites all members and families of District 5 to their upcoming Superbowl Party at Kimisis Church (Holmdel, NJ) on Feb. 3. This would be a great time for all Chapters to come together at what promises to be a SUPER event.



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## April 2018 Newsletter



# AHEPA District # 5 Garden State Chapter # 517- Holmdel, NJ



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AHEPA's involvement in the K9 for Warriors effort was started by Garden State Chapter 517 in 2016 when our chapter sponsored AHEPA's first Service Dog ( black lab who was named "AHEPA" ) .These wonderful dogs help veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disability (PTSD). 22 Veterans commit suicide per day in our country. AHEPA & You can make a difference.



AHEPA - Holmdel, NJ

This K9 for Warriors program became a National Project at the AHEPA Convention in July 2016 and Chapter 517 was appointed by the National Projects Committee to coordinate this effort and to manage the funds through a 501 c 3 corporation formed for this purpose, AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors, Inc.

Since 2016 AHEPA Chapters and individuals have donated close to \$150,000. As of May 2018 we have sponsored 8 Service Dogs for veterans.

Our goal is that every chapter be part of sponsoring a Veteran and Service Dog. Any sponsorship level is acceptable. Your chapter can name a Service Dog if \$15,000 is sponsored.



PENELOPE-Toms River, NJ

Let's work together to acquire many more Service Dogs in 2018 and inspire others to do the same so we can help save the lives of those who have fought so bravely for us.

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## Spring 2019 Newsletter

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Our Chapter recently initiating 8 new members and reinstating 3 as we grow to be one of the largest chapters in the state.]

In addition to helping our Church prosper and grow we have been involved and donated to The Ronald McDonald House, The Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean County (FULFILL), Special Olympics, Scholarships to our youth, Cancer Research and many more local and national endeavors by hosting events such as Cigar Nights, Beer tasting & chili competitions, sporting exhibitions, poker tournaments and many more fun events that form life long friendships amongst our brotherhood.

We are proud of our Chapter for spearheading a National fundraising campaign "AHEPA SERVICE DOGS FOR WARRIORS" now up to its 19<sup>th</sup> dog helping our Veterans who suffer from PTSD through K-9's for Warriors.

JOIN US AT OUR  
ANNUAL CIGAR  
NIGHT

MAY 8, 2019

Visit [ahepa517.org](http://ahepa517.org) for more



***Please consider a journal ad for this major fundraiser of our chapter. Your business or personal ad will be distributed amongst over 300 attendees.***

**Contact our President Demetri Orfanitopoulos at [demetrio@comcast.net](mailto:demetrio@comcast.net)  
For further information about our Chapter or to place an ad in our journal.**



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## Fall 2020 Newsletter



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Albert	Elezi
Stavros	Fotinos
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Nicholas	Fourniadis
Paul	Gilbride
Bill	Hedges

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John	Kalafatides
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Christos	Petrou
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Niko	Plakoudas
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Michael	Pytel
Michael	Rouskas
Dennis	Sikaris
Jim	Silverman
Dr. Michael	Simon
Michael Emmanuel	Simon
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John	Tsoukaris
Kostantinos	Tsoukaris
George	Vakkou
Ted	Viris
Artie	Wassif
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Ronald McDonald House Greek Division



Fulfill-Monmouth & Ocean County



Sponsorship Kimisis Parking Lot



NYC Greek Parade



Our Meeting



D5 Cancer Event



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AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program became a National Program at the AHEPA Convention in July 2019. Since 2016 AHEPA Chapters and individuals have donated over \$700,000 , we have sponsored 45 Service Dogs for Veterans.



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Spring 2021 Newsletter

## AHEPA – GARDEN STATE - CHAPTER #517

### HOLMDEL. N.J.



This year our chapter has awarded 3 Scholarships. Awards were presented by brother Tom Protentis on August 16, 2020 after service.

- Elias Dimarhos ( also D5 Award )
- ◆ Stamatia Angelides
- ◆ Jonathan Viris (not Present)

Our chapter remodeled the Kitchen at Kimisis Tis Theotoukou church, Holmdel, NJ .

New walk in freezer, new range, 2 grills, refrigeration, Freezer, island with refrigeration and heat lamps, shelving ,Fryer and update electrical, Just over \$40,000 & chaired and supervised by our VP Brother Bill Parlamis.



New 95 spot parking lot completed at Kimisis Tis Theotoukou church, Holmdel, NJ . Our chapter donated \$30,000. Our brothers Greg Ploussas and Steve Kontos organized and supervised construction donating many hours of their own time at no charge to complete the parking lot in Au-

AHEPA # 517 has donated 1000 masks to Kimisis Church, and \$3,000 to the Monmouth County Food Bank



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May 2021 Newsletter

## Garden State Chapter #517 Holmdel, NJ



Our Chapter president, Demetri Orfanitopoulos, presented a check to the Executive Board of AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors for our 5th Sponsorship for our chapter. Our next Service Dog “ Nicko Ahepa “.

The name was selected to honor our brother Nicko Placoudas, brother for over 24 years, who worked so hard to raise the funds yearly for the program.



### Congratulations to our Executive Board

- President : Dimitri Dimitriadis
- Vice President : Artie Wassif
- Secretary : Paul Zafiriou
- Assistant Secretary : Steve Anastasatos
- Treasurer : Kostas Koufidis
- Assistant Treasurer : Savas Constantinou

Greg Ploussas spoke at our meeting about our chapters huge accomplishment achieving our chapters goal to build our Scholarship Endowment Fund to \$100,000. Greg Served as Chapter President in 1996 and introduced this idea to the chapter, simply by having 50/50 at each meeting.

This year our chapter has awarded three AHEPA 517-Greg Ploussas Scholarship Fund awards .

- ⇒ Kathleen Antonakakis
- ⇒ Jean Gilbrite
- ⇒ Michael Sikaras

Our Chapter initiated two new brothers at our May 18th 2021 dinner- chapter meeting , George Scoullos and Chris Haliyiannis



Our Chapter presents our major Cigar Night Sponsor with and award at our 10th Annual Cigar Night on May 12, 2021 for him & his firms supporting us for many years.



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## Fall 2021 Newsletter

### AHEPA - Garden State Chapter #517 - Holmdel, NJ- 2021

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## Promoting Hellenism Since 1922

For nearly a 100 years, we have promoted the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.



Meet our new Board (from left to right) Steve Anastasatos, Asst. Secretary; Paul Zafariou, Secretary; Kostas Koufidis, Treasurer; Artie Wassif, Vice-President; Dimitri Dimitriades, President.

This year's initiative is to help our youth. Come join us and help the cause and be a part of history of our community and Hellenism.

Our Chapter most recently installed Air Purification into all of the classrooms at Kimisis to insure clean air for our scholars in Greek School & Sunday School. This proven system helps kills bacteria & viruses providing clean and fresher air with no maintenance. Other past projects included a total kitchen renovation and help in finishing the parking lot project.



During a pandemic year we have reached our goal of a \$100,000 endowment for the AHEPA Greg Ploussas Scholarship Fund. A mission that started with our founding Brothers that started this Holmdel Chapter.

In addition to the fund raising causes we support – this past summer we enjoyed a fishing trip and baseball outing. We are looking forward to sponsoring this year's District 5 Convention as our very own Brother Bob Fourniadis has been initiated as District 5 Governor serving the entire State of NJ and Delaware.





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April 27, 2018 Friday 7:00 pm to 11 pm

## AHEPA TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Holmdel, NJ Chapter # 517  
Food and Drink Included



Registration -7:00 pm  
Play starts 8:00 pm - Cut off 8:15pm  
\$100 entry for \$20,000 chips  
\$75 Add-on for \$17,000 chips

1st Place - 30% of Net proceeds      3rd Place - 10% of Net Proceeds  
2nd Place - 15% of Net proceeds      4th Place - 5% of Net Proceeds

Woman's Club of Matawan - 199 Jackson St. - Matawan, NJ  
Reservation contact—Kostas—kostas@reillyfinancialgroup.com—908-902-8339

Proceeds to benefit AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors



# Donate Now



## AHEPA 1st Annual BLOOD DRIVE

### Breakfast

February 19 2017, Sunday  
After Sunday Services  
12:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Sign up to donate Blood and join AHEPA for a deliciously cooked Breakfast by AHEPA Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Coffee, Juice

For Information Visit :  
www.AHEPA517.com  
Bill Parlamis 917-617-4087 bparlamis@aol.com



50 Years of Serving Our Community  
**Central Jersey Blood Center**  
Where Community Comes First

**With Honor & Gratitude We Remember**

**Freehold Memorial Day Parade**

AHEPA Family District 5

will have the honor of participating in the oldest Memorial Day Parade in NJ and 2nd oldest in the country. Brothers and Sisters this is the most solemn of holidays in America. Let us as an AHEPA family show our love and gratitude to those brave men and women who gave their lives for freedom. Not only should the Chapters be represented but also members of your church communities.

**May 29, 2017 Monday**  
**Meet at 9:00 am**  
**Freehold NJ**

The Order of AHEPA will be lining up at #62 on Stillwell Place. There will be a cone with your unit number in it, and you can line up in between that cone and the one behind you.

George Karatzia  
AHEPA District 5 Veterans Committee Chairman  
(732) 610-6622

## AHEPA 1ST ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

**Our Dinner will be held to Honor AHEPA 517 Founding Brothers**

Robert Fourniads	Zack Moros	George Katsingris
Steve Drogaris	Greg Ploussas	Frank Georges
Michael Rouskas	Paul A. Stamoulis	Paul Stamoulis
	Vasilios Kalomiris	
Alex Fourniads	Hercules Stamoulis	Charles Gavaris
		Peter Homatopoulos

**AHEPA Service Recognitions**

Zack Moros—26 years  
Dimitri Dimitriadis—20 years    George Karatzia—20 years  
Leo Drogaris—15 years    Sideris Petrou—15 years    Florio Petrou—15 years    Stavros Fotinos—10 years  
Peter Themos—5 years    Joe Antonakakis—5 years    John Kalafatis—5 years    Billy Bucco—5 years    Michael Pytel—5 years

**Sunday October 14, 2018 — 6:30 pm to 9:30**

Join us with your families for an informal dinner and wine tasting evening at the 94 acre Estate of Fox Hollow Vineyard located right here in Holmdel, NJ, while we celebrate the accomplishments of our founding Brothers who we are grateful to for having the vision to start our Chapter 23 years ago. (April 1995)

**FOX HOLLOW VINEYARDS**  
909 Holmdel Road  
Holmdel, NJ 07733  
foxhollowvineyards@gmail.com  
T / 732-772-0830

**Buffet Dinner & 5 Wine tastings included**  
Adults—\$50  
Wine by the glass may purchase  
Children Under 21—\$25

RSVP REQUIRED BY OCT. 5, 2018—Demetri Orfanitopoulos—demetrio@comcast.net or 732-977-3433  
MAIL CHECKS TO: "AHEPA 517" - PO Box 735—Holmdel—NJ 07733



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### **District Five Annual Convention held June 2021 Bob Fourniadis brother from our chapter takes the Oath of Office as our District Governor**



**Past Supreme President Andy Zachariades preforms the oath of Office, while Nickolas Fourniadis, his son hold the bible (Left)**



**Supreme Secretary Savas Tsivikos present Bob with the Jewels of Office, while Nickolas Fourniadis, his son hold the bible (Right)**



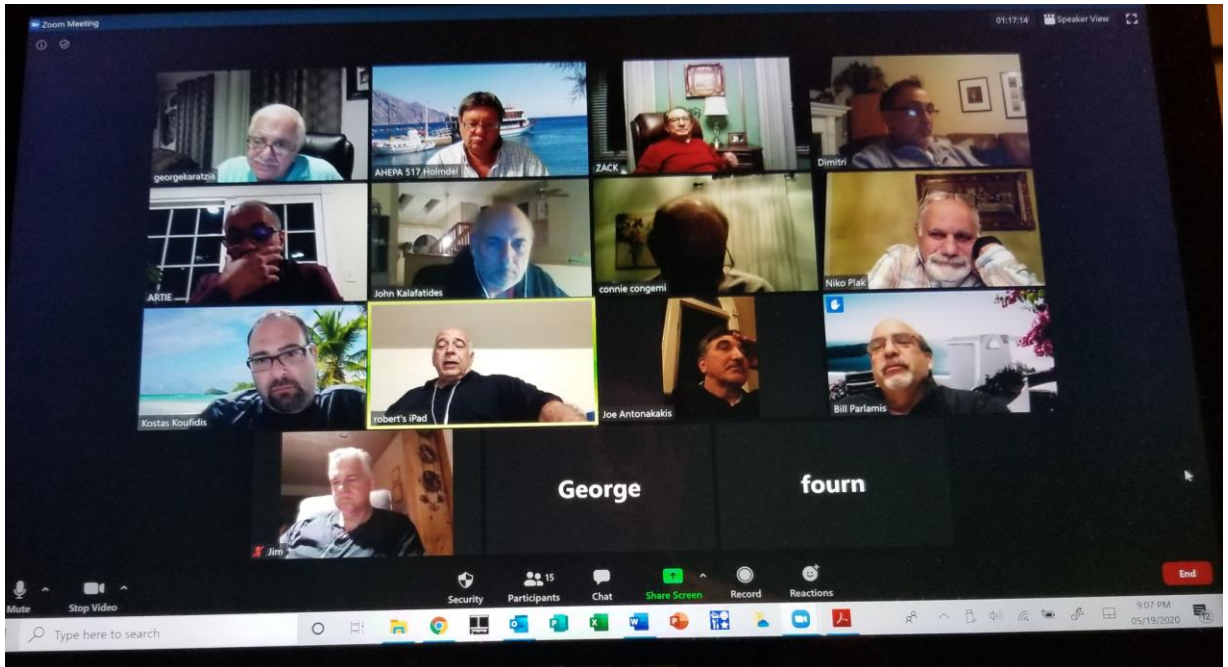
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## May 2020 Chapter Meeting held on Zoom during the Covid-19 Crisis



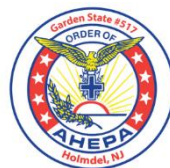




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